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Shop and flats plan for pub gets nod

A FORMER pub in Dudley will be transformed into shops, flats and a restaurant.

Plans the Hearty Good-fellow pub, in Maughan Street, were given a green light by councillors.

A two-storey rear extension will now be built at the distinctive building which is currently disused.

It will allow the creation of two new shops with flats on the upper floors.

There will also be a single-storey extension constructed at the side of the building for a restaurant and another flat.

Objections

The scheme was unanimously approved by members of Dudley Council's development control committee at a meeting.

But the councillors' decision went against the wishes of some residents who wanted the development to be scrapped. Neighbours had submitted objections saying it would dangerously increase traffic congestion along narrow roads.

They are also concerned anti-social behaviour could be caused by people congregating near the new shops and about possible noise and smells from the restaurant. But officers said the proposals were 'acceptable' as long as conditions were put in place on the development.

Crashed car abandoned

THE driver of a car that crashed into a wall in Dudley fled the scene.

Fire crews were called to New Rowley Road at around 2am on Saturday morning.

Crew commander Nigel Hobby said when they arrived there was no one in the locked vehicle.

He added: "The car had hit a small road sign and went into the corner of a wall. We made sure there was no one in the car before making it safe."

HELP-OUT PLEA TO VOLUNTEERS

Report by Lee Watton

MANY more helpers are needed to boost Dudley Council for Voluntary Services as it takes on a bigger role in the community due to local authority cuts.

DCVS is looking to take on another 60 people as it experiences a surge in demand as Dudley Council faces making savings of £34 million over the next three years.

Bosses said it stemmed from volunteer groups taking on venues such as community centres which in the past have been run and maintained by the council.

The service oversees the community organisations now looking after these buildings providing them with advice and support.

More social enterprises, organisations to tackle social problems and improve communities, are also being set up.

Alongside standard volunteers, the service is also looking for people who want to take on leading roles in voluntary organisations.

Events

Two events will be taking place at its offices in Albion Street, Brierley Hill, on May 7 and 10 to find the volunteers needed.

And bosses said they were hoping to find 20 or 30 from each of the events to take on a volunteering role.

Spokesman Brendan McKeown said: "Due to the cuts in government funding to Dudley Council more services are now being outsourced."

"As a result the voluntary service has to pick things up a little bit. For example people are taking on things like community centres and more social enterprises are also being set up."

"More volunteers are needed to fill the gap. Alongside volunteers we also need people who want to help run and organise voluntary organisations – basically managers, trustees and board members."

"These posts would still be voluntary but are aimed towards people who want to get a real grip on an organisation."

"These posts are needed because of the council cuts but it is not all doom and gloom."

"It really is an opportunity for the voluntary sector and will make a real difference."

Mr McKeown added: "Ideally we would hope to get around 20 or 30 from each of the events."

To book a place, call Dale Pickin on (01384) 573381.

The Yeltz crowned champions

HALESOWEN Town Football Club are celebrating being 'back where they belong' after being crowned league champions.

John Hill's men topped the Evo-Stik Northern Premier League's Division One South with 91 points to seal promotion after a 0-2 win at Belper Town where they were bolstered by more than 200 travelling fans. The side will now return to the Evo-Stik Northern Premier League's Premier Division, the seventh tier in English football.

Chairman Colin Brookes said: "I have been here 20 years and we have had some rough times of late but this is the icing on the cake. It was a wonderful day and a great achievement after hard work from everyone involved in the club."

"We took a huge amount of fans to Belper which made for an unforgettable day in the history of the club."

Manager John Hill added: "We have won nine games on the spin and for a team that has not had a great deal of experience at this level it is a brilliant achievement. We will enjoy the moment and then I will sit down with the chairman and start discussing plans for next season."

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Sir Trevor backs grass roots



England legend Sir Trevor Brooking seen at the opening of the new Kewford Eagles ground

A £1.1 million football centre at Wall Heath has been opened by Sir Trevor Brooking. The England and West Ham legend opened the new home to Kewford Eagles, one of the biggest grass roots clubs in the country.

The 11-pitch centre has been 12 years in the making and has been possible thanks to a £800,000 grant from the Football Foundation.

The club has more than 550 young foot-

ballers, boys, girls and disabled teams. Mr Brooking blew the whistle for the kick off of the first match on the new pitches.

He said: "I understand the importance of these facilities to a club like this."

He explained it was important that grass roots clubs around the country continued to flourish in the same way Kewford Eagles have since 1978 after two teams, from King-swinford and Quarry Bank, joined forces.

Etheridge hits out at 'vile' Lenny comment

A UKIP candidate has called a party colleague's comments about Lenny Henry 'vile and repulsive' and said the person who made them should publicly apologise to the popular comedian.

Bill Etheridge, standing for the party in the West Midlands at the European elections, denounced the comments made on social network site Twitter by London candidate William Henwood, saying 'Dudley-born Mr Henry should emigrate to a 'black country'.

The comments were seized upon by those who pointed out that as he was from the Black Country.

Mr Henwood, aged 66, was commenting on Mr Henry's calls for more people from ethnic minorities to be represented on TV.

Mr Etheridge, also UKIP's prospective parliamentary candidate for Dudley North, said: "I am enraged by the vile and repulsive comments made about Dudley's own Lenny Henry. I publicly call on him (Mr Henwood) to apologise, in lieu of that I wish to apologise myself to Mr Henry and all those, like myself, who were disgusted by the vile statements. Ukip is a non-racist, non-sectarian party."

Using Twitter, Mr Henry thanked people for supporting him.

Freeman — see page 3

Man rescued from flat fire

A ELDERLY man had to be led to safety after smoke filled his flat in Dudley.

Fire crews were called after an automatic alarm alerted them to a flat at Rotary House on the Russells Hall estate.

Smoke filled the flat, in Middlepark Road, after the fire started in the kitchen area at around 6.20am on Monday.

Firefighters from Dudley rescued an 87-year-old man in a bedroom suffering from the effects of smoke.



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Women golfer died after complications

A WOMAN who had an operation to relieve a trapped nerve and slipped disc in her back so she could take up golf again died as a result of rare complications in surgery, an inquest concluded.

Diane Weston, aged 73, of Windsor Road, Stourbridge, had spinal surgery at the West Midlands Hospital, Halesowen, on January 21. The procedure ran smoothly for

more than two hours and then Mrs Weston's blood pressure and carbon dioxide levels dropped rapidly.

The operation was stopped immediately and attempts were made to resuscitate Mrs Weston, a former civil servant.

The specialist anaesthetist and colleagues believed the most probable cause was an embolism, or blood clot, so gave Mrs Weston blood

thinning medication. Resuscitation proved unsuccessful.

A post-mortem later revealed she had experienced a massive haemorrhage in her abdominal cavity.

Dr Iqbal Dhesi, a consultant pathologist at Walsall Manor Hospital, said an artery had ruptured under pressure, perhaps during the operation.

Raj Rao, the anaesthetist, said

he could see no signs of internal bleeding before deciding to administer the blood thinning medication, which may have increased the bleeding. He said he had to decide between 'doing something or nothing'.

The medical cause of death was massive retroperitoneal intra-abdominal haemorrhage and bleeding during spinal surgery.

Pilgrim's progress for new bishop

PREPARATIONS are under way to welcome the new Bishop of Dudley who will be walking and cycling 30 miles between special services this weekend.

The Rt Revd Graham Usher is guest of honour at two services marking the start of his new ministry.

On Saturday there will be a Eucharist service at St Thomas and St Luke Church (known as Top Church) in Dudley at 4pm. A number of dignitaries from the borough will attend including the Mayor and Mayoress of Dudley. Then on Sunday, Bishop Graham will be installed as a Canon of Worcester Cathedral at Evensong at 4pm.

Between the services Bishop Graham will be cycling and walking the 32 miles from Dudley to Worcester, before crossing the River Severn on the Cathedral ferry.

Bishop Graham said: "I hope that by cycling and walking to Worcester I will be able to undertake my own pilgrimage. This means taking in the landscapes at a slower pace, feeling the earth underfoot and seeing the changing industries, listening to the different sounds and praying for the different communities I pass through."

Six win jobs at recruiting day

A MOTOR business held an X Factor style recruitment event which whittled down 110 applicants for sales jobs to the six chosen to take on the positions.

Trust Group UK, which has Volkswagen dealerships in Stourbridge and Wolverhampton, has taken on staff from outside the industry. They include a former social worker and a teacher.

Managing director Andrew Hockedy said: "This was our second recruitment day with an X Factor style selection process, and proved even more popular than the first."

Slasher festival

A FESTIVAL celebrating the life of bare-knuckle boxer William Perry, better known as the Tipton Slasher, is being held in a free admission event featuring period boxing re-enactments at Coronation Garden in the town on Sunday from 12.30pm onwards.

Inquiry over saga of care home transfer

CAMPAIGNERS have made an official complaint over a council's conduct over a closure threatened care home.

New Bradley Hall care home, in Kingswinford, was earmarked to shut in a shake-up of adult social care in the borough.

After a public outcry with more than 5,000 people signing a petition to protest, council chiefs were forced to re-think the plans.

A sporting chance to enjoy event

FAMILIES can try out sports at a revamped park during an action-packed fun day.

Preparations are already under way for the event at Buffery Park, Dudley, on May 5.

The park's friends group has lined up sporting activities.

People can ride a purpose built skateboard ramp with exhibitions by professional boarders and local skaters.

The cycle tracks course returns this year and there will be a chance for those with a head for heights to test out a climbing wall.

Zumba and tennis taster sessions will be on offer during the event which runs from 11am to 5pm.

There is also an outdoor gym at the park, off Selborne Road, to help keep people healthy.

Many activities will be free and people are invited to bring their own bikes and skateboards.

In addition there will be stalls, birds of prey demonstrations, a barbecue, live music, bouncy castles, slides, tug o' war and orb or bubble football, where people play the game while wearing an inflated wrap.

Councillors have announced that they will transfer the home to Blackheath-based housing and care provider Black Country Housing Group after holding a tendering process.

A period of due diligence is under way before they can take over where the transfer of staff will be agreed. But a date for this has yet to be set but the council say staff, residents and their families will be kept informed.

However, members of the New Bradley Hall action group have voiced concerns. They claim they were not informed over the decision to seek a new not-for-profit group to manage the Compton Drive home which cares for the elderly.

The group also want assurances over Black Country Housing Group's credentials but council bosses say the organisation has a proven track record in the care industry.

Dudley Council director of adult, community and housing services, Andrea Pope-Smith, said: "The council has appointed an Independent Complaints Investigator to respond to a formal complaint raised by the New Bradley Hall Protest Group. The report will be concluded by the end of the month. We will publish the findings on the council's website."

She added: "Black Country Housing Group has vast experience in the provision of community services and support."

Long service is piece of cake



Chairman John Edwards and chief executive Paula Clark with Nicola Bussey

HOSPITAL staff in Dudley who notched up more than 500 years of service have been honoured. The celebration shone the spotlight on workers who have reached key milestones in their years of service for Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, ranging from 15 to 40 years.

For the first time the ceremony also celebrated the long service of volunteers.

Twenty-five people from the trust, which runs Russells Hall Hospital in Dudley, were presented with a long service certificate and badge by chief executive Paula

Clark and chairman John Edwards. They were treated to a celebratory tea and a slice of long service cake made for the event.

Recipient Pam Boucher, one of the trust's first volunteers to receive a Long Service Award, said that since becoming a volunteer in 1999 she has enjoyed every minute.

Nicola Bussey, who celebrated 40 years, said: "It's amazing to think that when I started out I used a typewriter and everything was paper based, now consultants can sit at their desks and see X-rays taken minutes ago on their computers."

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Memorial bid for machine makers

A MONUMENT commemorating an engineering firm based in Dudley could be built in time to coincide with an event to celebrate the Black Country.

Former workers of Simon Engineering are waiting for approval from Dudley Council to put up the 4ft high headstone-style structure at the corner of Angel Street and Queen's Cross, where the firm was based from 1954 to 1975. They hope to get the nod from planners so it can be unveiled on Black Country Day, July 14.

The firm was famous for making the Simon Snorkel, an hydraulic platform used for functions including fire-fighting. More than 13,000 of the machines were built by the company in Dudley, which moved to a base opposite Russells Hall Hospital in Pensnett Road, in 1975 before ceasing operation in Dudley 20 years later.

The monument is the idea of Tom Mullen, chairman of the Simon Engineering Retirement Association. The 81-year-old former floor operator of Hurst Hill, Coseley, said: "The funding is all sorted, we're now just waiting on approval for the plans then we can think about placing the monument. We're hoping we can get built in time for Black Country Day."

Step out to dance class

A LINE dancing class is starting in Norton for beginners and those who want to return to the dance floor.

The classes will be held at St Michael's church centre, Maynard Avenue, from Wednesday at 7.15pm. It costs £3.20 for the 90 minute class. Teacher Nigel Rider, of Kingswinford, said: "The classes are great fun. I offer step by step instructions and we dance to a variety of songs, not just country and western. You don't need a partner and can pay on the evening."

Contact Mr Rider on (01384) 287551.

Village views

KEEN walkers can join a gentle eight-mile walk taking in views surrounding two villages. Sandwell Ramblers have organised a walk around Kinver and Wolverley on Sunday. Call David Price or Steve Collet on 0121 434 3888 for details.

Rose sale is sweet smell of success for Legion



From left: Dudley Mayor and Mayoress, Alan and Heather Finch, Quarry Bank Legion members Alfred Dimmock, Colin Scott, Gloria Donovan and Yvonne Artiss, from Sainsbury's

VOLUNTEERS have raised hundreds of pounds to mark St George's Day to help raise cash to support the armed forces.

Members of Quarry Bank Royal British Legion swapped poppies for buttonhole roses to sell to shoppers.

Branch members raised £850 through the sale of the roses and flags at Sainsbury's at Merry Hill and Asda at Brierley Hill.

The Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Alan Finch, stopped off at Sainsbury's to give the volunteers including Savannah Hunt and Gloria Donovan a helping hand.

Young air cadets from Air Training Corps

2156 Squadron Brierley Hill also got involved and were packing bags at the supermarket last month.

Branch spokeswoman Gloria Donovan said: "It's the first time they've helped us out. I'm really chuffed about it. Everyone did so well to raise that amount of money."

Helps

She said the sale of roses and lavender bags plus donations from the bag pack had raised around £850 for the legion's poppy appeal - which helps British servicemen and women and their families.

Lenny reflects with pride as he flies flag for borough

HIS partner jokingly calls him Morgan Freeman but funny man Lenny Henry says he is taking his newly appointed role as Freeman of Dudley seriously as he opened the town's archives centre.

Unveiling a plaque inside the £6 million archives and local history centre in Tipton Road, the Dudley-born 55-year-old spoke of his passion for the Black Country.

He said work to revamp the town's market and zoo alongside the presence of the Black Country Living Museum made his 'heart glow' and gave his personal backing to Black Country Day this July.

The Dudley-born comic even posed for photographs outside the centre holding the Black Country flag with the borough's Mayor Alan Finch.

Lenny, who was made Freeman of Dudley last year, said: "It's my great honour as the Morgan Freeman of Dudley - that's what my missus calls me - to pull the curtain."

"It's been two years in the making, it's moved from Coseley, it's beautiful, I'm going to pull this curtain back and hopefully there will be a picture of me in the Express & Star from 1975."

Tradition

He added: "The fact they are doing the market is wonderful. The zoo has had a makeover and this is tied in with the Black Country Living Museum - these are all things which make my heart glow."

"It's not just about commerce, it's not just about money, it's about the history, and it's about tradition. I think that Dudley has a great tradition as a market town, as somewhere which is important in the Black Country in its own right."

The centre took two years to create and replaces the old archives centre in Mount Pleasant, Coseley.

Its wide rooms are filled with shelves crammed with more than 33,000 precious photographs, records and illustrations detailing the history and development of the borough.

Lenny, who grew up on Dudley's Buffery estate, started out working on the controversial Black And White Minstrel Show before getting his big break doing impressions on the talent show New Faces, said: "If you



Lenny Henry reflects on his the official unveiling of archive centre

don't know where you are from, you don't know where you are going.

"This is a wonderful facility and I hope the whole of Dudley take it on with pride and use it as a research place and where to find their roots."

"It's part of the whole rejuvenation of Dudley, which I really really applaud. I want to see Dudley back with a marvellous market place, the zoo being used to its full capacity and this being used by everybody."

He added: "The Black County has a lot to offer. We have the canals, we have the museum, we have this, we have got the engine room of Britain, we were a massive part of

industrial revolution - why can't we be a strong Black Country and present an alternative to Birmingham."

Lenny was given a tour of the centre with the Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Alan Finch. It was Lenny's first official engagement since being granted the Freedom of Dudley at a civic ceremony in October.

For the opening, a small section was dedicated to him and his achievements.

Lenny said: "I've been talking to the mayor and local councillors about being more involved and doing local stuff and I'm looking forward to that."

Councillor Finch said: "Lenny has been



Lenny Henry proud of his links with the Black Country

fantastic, we joked he will be going up the town centre to audition for X Factor next, so much is he doing for the borough at the moment.

"The archives centre is excellent and a great addition to the town's growing list of attractions."

Dudley South MP Chris Kelly was also at the official opening.

He said: "It's a brilliant centre and a perfect choice to get Lenny down here to open it. We have a lot in the Black Country to be proud of. It's great to know have somewhere like this people can discover the region's past."

NEWS in brief

Zoo sees record Easter visitors

AROUND 27,000 people poured through the gates of Dudley Zoo this Easter - making the holiday one of the attraction's best on record. There was a record breaking turnout on Good Friday alone as visitors topped almost 4,300.

Chief executive Peter Suddock revealed the figures came off the back of a successful 2013 with 250,000 visitors. "There was much interest in our newly-restored Tecton structures - the entrance and Safari Shop," he said.

Inquest opens on engineer

AN inquest has been opened on engineer Glynn Brittle, aged 41, who was discovered at home in Eve Lane, Upper Gornal.

At the opening of the hearing at Smethwick Council House coroner's officer Margaret Collins said: "On April 21 police officers attended Eve Lane having been notified by Mr Brittle's father that he had attended his son's address, and had found he had hung himself." The inquest was adjourned for more information.

The slow road to broadband

A ROAD in Dudley has been named the 50th slowest in the country for broadband connections. Wordsworth Road, Lower Gornal, had a rate of 2.04 megabits per second (Mbps), according to research by online comparison site uSwitch.com.

Summerfield Road, Clent, was 21st with 1.32 Mbps. Worst in the region was Maple Crescent, Alveley, with 0.91 Mbps.

Spring fair to help boost church fund

A SEDGLEY church will host a spring fair and book sale on May 10. It will run from 10am until noon at St Andrew's Church, Bilston Street.

Stalls will be selling a range of items including clothes, plants, cakes, bric-a-brac and Fairtrade goods. Refreshments will be available. Proceed will go to church funds.

Industrial history

THE AGM of Sedgley Local History Society on Thursday, May 8, is followed by a talk on industrialist Sir Alfred Hickman by Chris Smith at St Andrew's Church, Sedgley, at 7.30pm. Visitors welcome.

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IT was, of course, a lack of such financial control under the Blair/Brown governments that led directly to Britain's financial crisis. I recall one couple some years ago at the height of mortgage-madness who told me they'd borrowed £400,000 to buy a restaurant without any savings or proof of income. It all ended in tears, for them and millions like them.

"THE most thankless job in the world." Correspondent Peter Osborne's description of the minister for tourism in Syria.

THE BBC at first blamed "sound issues" for the incomprehensible lines in this week's mini-series Jamaica Inn (BBC1). Did anyone buy that? What we heard was an exercise in that ancient theatrical craft of speaking in Mumbleshire rural gibberish. The actors could have spoken more clearly. They either chose or were directed not to ("It's Cornwall, darling, no-one's supposed to understand."). The result was lots of us switching on the subtitles. I was reminded of a night at the theatre when I seriously thought I was going deaf, so bad was the muffled mumbling on the stage. And then that great actor and all-round national treasure Celia Imrie made her entrance. Every word she spoke was crystal-clear. Cancel the hearing aids.

UKIP stands accused of racism over its election posters. But then we are all racists — it's just a question of how low you set the qualifying bar. I was accused of "appalling racism" a few days ago for suggesting that the US diplomat Zbigniew Brzezinski had a name like a winning line in Scrabble. A Daily Telegraph reader recently described being ticked off by a teacher for uttering the word "black-board" (negative ethnic overtones, apparently). Ukip's posters are certainly blunt, but then whoever said election posters had to pussyfoot around the issues?

A FREEDOM of Information request reveals that 67 NHS doctors have signed abortion forms without even seeing the woman involved. But no-one is to be prosecuted or even reported to the police by the General Medical Council. Labour MP Jim Dobbin says: "This shames the GMC and makes a mockery of the Abortion Act." Actually, it's worse than that. It is a warning of how euthanasia will work if it is ever legalised. Over the years, all the safeguards on abortion have been swept aside and the safeguards on euthanasia will go the same way. Abortion on demand has been promoted as "a woman's right to choose." Euthanasia on demand will arrive with the slogan "a family's right to choose," or some such nonsense. But remember – as ye sow, ye reap. For the babyboomer generation, now in their 60s and 70s, who have allowed abortion to happen on an industrial scale will be the first generation to be helped off this planet with a lethal overdose, whether they want to go or not.

A FRIEND whose car mysteriously broke down and refused to start has been told by the garage that it's probably a fault with the immobiliser. On the other hand, it could be the immobiliser working perfectly but at the wrong time. Progress, eh?

OUR changing language. Did you catch the lady from the Met Office promising us "a sandwich of sunshine"? We got a doughnut of damp.

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Police investigation team moving in

TWO hundred new staff will be recruited at the police watchdog's new offices near Halesowen to allow it to investigate complaints about the police.

Bosses at the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) are planning to open a base in Quinton by July. The organisation, which oversees complaints against police forces and officers, has been criticised by Government ministers for being 'under-equipped' to tackle some investigations.

Lawyers, analysts and support staff are among the positions being created at the offices.

Employees will be recruited over the next few months and the staff will allow it to take on extra investigations.

IPCC acting chief executive

Amanda Kelly welcomed the news, saying the offices were the 'ideal location' headquarters.

Officials said the new office and recruitment drive is part of the IPCC's expansion programme announced by the Home Secretary in February 2013. Its budget will increase by more than 50 per cent in 2014/15 and is intended to give the IPCC capacity to deal with

more serious and sensitive allegations against the police. The IPCC is looking for people from diverse backgrounds.

IPCC Commissioner Derrick Campbell said: "It is vital that we recruit people that are, above all, open minded and conscientious when it comes to challenging information and dealing with the police and with the public."

£35k energy boss to help cut council bills

A COUNCIL aiming to cut its £7 million bill for utilities such as gas, electricity and water is taking on an 'energy manager', who could be paid up to £35,000 a year.

Bosses at Dudley Council say they must make cut-backs of at least £250,000 on energy bills to around 800 properties it owns across the borough.

The authority faces making tough decisions after admitting it needs to make an additional £32m of cuts in the next three years. It comes after the council had already planned for £26m of savings over the same period before a worse-than-expected grant from Government.

Risk

Under the initial plan to save £26m, the council had proposed up to 334 job losses by 2017 but it is now feared that another 40 positions could be at risk. The council says these stark predictions means it needs to find more savings and its energy bills needs to be slashed.

The council does not have a dedicated officer responsible to look at ways of cutting energy costs, consumption and carbon emissions. They say a new energy manager 'would be responsible for delivering savings and reducing carbon consumption'. The energy expert is expected to pick up a salary of between £32,072 to £34,984 per year. In a report council bosses say the salary would be paid for out of the savings made on energy costs.

Record demand reported

A RECRUITMENT company based in Dudley said one of its divisions enjoyed a record month in March. Bosses at Concept Resourcing, Castlegate, which has been going for 14 years, said its field service engineering division had a 57 per cent increase in permanent vacancies on last year.

It said it was the strongest demand for its permanent recruitment services since 2008. "We are seeing the strongest demand across our field service engineering division which specialises in providing field engineers to a number of sectors," said spokeswoman Sallyanne Skidmore. In March, Concept, registered 346 new client vacancies in the division.

Court in the act for Archer play



Wordsley actors, from left, Pete Goldsmith, Andrew Rock and David Southall

A GRIPPING courtroom drama following the story of a man accused of murdering his wife is being staged in Kingswinford.

Wordsley Amateur Dramatic Society will perform Jeffrey Archer's Beyond Reasonable Doubt at Kingswinford Methodist Church until Saturday.

The group has been rehearsing for 10 weeks and has also created the sets.

The first act of the play is a tense courtroom scene. Sir David Metcalf QC is accused of murdering his terminally-ill wife.

Metcalf is being played by Andrew Rock and the judge by Pete Goldsmith.

Performances start at 7.30pm at the venue in Stream Road. Tickets cost £7, or £6 with concessions for pensioners or students aged under 21. To book, call 01384 273026.

Spokesman for the society Nick Greaves said: "It is a gripping play and there are a lot of twists to enjoy."

"We have been working hard to prepare and are now looking forward to performing the play on stage."

High rise tour to check on pet dogs

TENANTS and residents living in high rise blocks are invited to free health checks for their dogs.

The PDSA charity's Pet-Check tour will enable residents to receive free advice from a vet, together with a health check for their pet.

Today (Thursday) they will be at Brierley Hill at Chapel Street estate housing office. They will then tomorrow move on to Netherton at Arley & Compton Courts. They will attend each venue from 9am until 4pm.

Andrea Pope Smith, director of adult, community and housing services, said: "Dudley Council is committed to being a community council and such initiatives bring different partners together to help society as a whole. Many of our residents have dogs and welcome the help and advice the PDSA has to offer."

"Those attending will be able to receive information about the five animal welfare needs including diet and nutrition, body shape awareness, dental care, general health and wellbeing."

Services such as micro-chipping, ear cleaning and nail clipping may also be available for the dogs but charges will apply.

Teacher gets Google award

A TEACHER has jetted out to the USA to the headquarters of an internet giant to accept an award.

Rebecca Franks heads a national organisation called CAS #include which helps promote computer science and IT to children from all backgrounds.

She was invited to represent the organisation and pick up an award at the Google headquarters in California.

Mrs Franks, who is a computer science teacher at The Kingswinford School, received the Google RISE award.

Aunt found dead

AN elderly woman found dead at her home died from natural causes, probably heart failure, an inquest at Smethwick heard. Retired factory worker Hilda Rowley, 87, was found at the property on Bristol Road in Netherton on April 20 by her niece Maureen Willets.

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Couple in war graves mission

A COUPLE visiting the First World War battlefield of Gallipoli are offering to photograph the graves of any soldiers who have relatives in the Black Country.

Margaret Carter and Steve Moore, of Lawnswood, near Stourbridge, are travelling to the Turkish peninsula where the Allies suffered around 250,000 casualties.

Anybody with relatives buried at Gallipoli, or Lemnos, which they are also visiting, can contact them on 01384 375499.

Tugs chugging in for May Day fun

BLACK Country Living Museum's bi-annual Tug Boat event takes place this weekend.

Historic canal tugs, some dating back to the 19th century, will be making a splash from Saturday to Monday.

Children can join in with Hands on Heritage canal crafts and create colourful canal art.

On Monday May Day celebrations will include Maypole dancing with professional dancers accompanied by live music.

Bishop's wife funeral arranged

THE funeral has been arranged for the Bishop of Worcester's wife, who died after a battle with cancer.

Denise Inge passed away on Sunday, nine months after she was diagnosed with sarcoma. The 50-year-old died with her husband Rt Rev Dr John Inge and daughters Eleanor and Olivia by her side.

Her funeral will take place at Worcester Cathedral at Tuesday at 2pm.

Scheme will be helping hospice

THOSE looking to get a will can have one written at a reduced price while helping a good cause.

Mary Stevens Hospice in Stourbridge has teamed up with solicitors Benson-Williams after the charity designated May as Wills month. Contact the fundraising team on 01384 377778 or email info@mshfundraising.co.uk

Two pubs reopen

TWO Stourbridge pubs are re-opening under new ownership following refurbishment. The Waggon and Horses in Worcester Street, opens today and the Seven Stars, Brook Road, Oldswinford, tomorrow.

Joining forces in bid to cut energy bill

HOUSEHOLDERS are being urged to sign up to a campaign to help them get the best deal on their energy bills.

Dudley Council has launched their fourth big switch campaign as part of a national initiative in which councils take part in collective energy auctions.

The big switch aims to encourage large numbers of residents to join forces under the council banner to secure the best tariffs from energy suppliers.

Deadline

The council is urging people to register by the June 9 deadline. The more people that register, the greater the opportunity to gain a better deal from energy providers but there is no obligation to switch.

John Polychronakis, chief executive at Dudley Council, said: "Although the winter months are now behind us, this isn't a time to be complacent."

"I would encourage residents to act now against increasing fuel prices by registering for this most recent auction."

Register online at www.dudley.gov.uk or by visiting or calling Dudley Council Plus on 0300 555 2345.

Concert of the classics

AN AFTERNOON concert featuring string and wind ensembles is being organised by school music teachers — and will be free for under-18s.

Oldswinford Hospital School music teachers Steven Swindells, Anna Downs and Helen Foster are bringing the Vellen Ensemble and the Chameleon Ensemble to play a matinee concert via not-for-profit group Local & Live at St James' Church, Wollaston, at 3pm on Saturday. The programme includes music by Mozart, Elgar and Gershwin. Tickets are £8 on the door.

Collectors' fair

AN antiques fair will be held in Kinner this weekend.

The Waverley Fairs takes place on the first Sunday of every month at Kinner Community Centre. It runs between 10.30am and 3.30pm. Call 0121 5504123 for details.

Firm fined £1,000 after worker injured

A METAL works firm has been fined £1,000 after a worker lost part of a finger in an unguarded machine.

P&D Group Services Ltd today said it had learnt lessons from the accident, which happened at its base off Old Bush Street in Brierley Hill.

Dudley Magistrates' Court heard how a 36-year-old worker from Rowley Regis had been operating machinery which folds metal strips into hollow tubes to form parts of a shutter. When a dent appeared in the

sheets, he tried to feel what was causing the problem but his glove got caught and his finger was pulled into a roller. The injury was so serious he had to have the top of his finger amputated and was off work for seven weeks. He has since returned to the company, doing the same job.

Inevitability

Following an investigation by the Health and Safety Executive, it was discovered the machine had been unguarded during the incident on September 25 last year. The company was fined £1,000 and ordered to

pay £1,414 in costs after pleading guilty to a breach in work equipment regulations.

Health and Safety Executive inspector John Glynn told the court: "This was not an isolated incident on a single day. Lack of guarding had persisted over a period of time, meaning there was an inevitability of someone being injured at some point. This employee suffered a shocking and painful injury that was entirely preventable. It was P&D Group's responsibility to ensure work equipment was safe and that dangerous moving parts were guarded. For some time the company required staff to approach the

danger area around the rollers to set up and adjust the machine during production runs, yet continuously failed to identify and address the matter of the missing guards."

"Preventing access to dangerous parts of machinery is a legal requirement and there is ample guidance and industry standards."

A spokesman for P&D Group Services Ltd, which trades as Insulated Roller Shutter Projects, said there had been 'enormous' improvements made at the firm, which employs 17, since the incident. He said all machinery now had guards, adding: "We have learnt from this incident."

Ukip leader says Black Country is a key target

MOBBED by supporters and international media, Nigel Farage swept into Dudley on Friday as his party Ukip makes the Black Country one of its key targets for European and council election seats.

The charismatic leader of the Eurosceptic political party donned his trademark trilby and a wax overcoat to take a tour of Dudley town centre before a rousing speech to 650 inside a packed Dudley town hall.

Apprentice places are on the rise

Dubbing it the 'Black Country Blast', Mr Farage says Dudley, as well as Wolverhampton, had seen an 'exceptional' rise in party membership and activism in the run up to next month's elections.

He said: "In Dudley we are doing exceptionally well. Growth has been really good. We are fielding a full slate of 24 candidates and we could win enough seats to form the official opposition on council here."

Chris Kelly, Conservative MP for Dudley South, said the number of firms offering apprenticeships in Dudley South has risen by 37.5 per cent in two years.

He is now calling for even more Black Country businesses to take on an apprentice after the latest research revealed the extent of the benefit to employers.

Rising

Last year 550 work places in Dudley South employed apprentices with the number offering apprenticeships rising rapidly.

The total number of work places in Dudley South employing apprentices during 2010/2011 was 400, in 2011/12 490 and in 2012/13 550

The MP said: "Apprenticeships play a pivotal role in raising our nation's skills."

"They also deliver a strong return on our economy, for Dudley South's employers and, ultimately, for the apprentices themselves."

Mr Farage's first stop was at the street market in Dudley where he surprised those traders who were sticking it out in the rain. He and his entourage also ate fish and chips in Sedgley and topped a pint of Bathams in Upper Gornal.

He went on to say: "The reception in the Black Country has been superb — you can't quite put your finger on it but there is something about this place — its sense of tradition, patriotism, both English and British, which make it such a friendly place to come to."



Nigel Farage shares a joke with Dudley market trader Alan Bennett, who said he will be making his mind up nearer the election

Party boss accused of 'peddling hatred'

IN Dudley Town Hall Nigel Farage's jokes and views on getting the UK out of the European Union went down a treat — while on the street outside a group of around two dozen protesters accused his party of 'peddling hatred'.

The capacity audience on Friday night were in stitches after Farage teed off with talk of his latest recruitment campaign.

"I was in Manchester last night," he boomed. "And I was hoping to make a rather high-profile signing. David Moyes. He's done a terrific job of tak-

ing Manchester United out of Europe." The 50-year-old spoke for around hour, making a rallying call for people to join 'Ukip's people's army.'

He said his party was on the 'verge' of the biggest shake-up and breakthrough in recent political history, even claiming his party could win enough seats at next year's General Election to be 'kingmakers' in a hung parliament.

He said: "The three other parties are people same the political elite. They go to the same schools, they go to Ox-

ford, study PPE, become a researcher for a politician, become an MP at 27 or 28, then are in the Cabinet at 40."

"They have never done a proper day's work."

He added: "If next year and we are in the position the Lib Dems are, then make no mistake there will be an EU referendum."

Protesters accused the Ukip leader of sleaze, bigotry and divisive politics. Dave Traxson, of Wolverhampton, said: "The poster campaign of Ukip is a disgrace. They are peddling hatred."

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BILL Nighy once remarked that very little stirred him to feelings of patriotism.

The professional luvvie, best known for his role in the saccharine-soaked romantic comedy Love Actually, said: "I'm always slightly suspicious of anyone carrying a flag, of any colour."

So how did anybody ever think it would be a good idea casting him in the role of Sgt Wilson for a remake of that most patriotic of sitcoms, Dad's Army?

Remakes of much-loved films and television shows are a minefield at the best of time. Think the 2006 version of The Pink Panther, with Steve Martin taking the role of Peter Sellers as the bumbling Inspector Clouseau. What was all that about?

Or even worse, the 2009 'reboot' of Minder. Really, we should have known from the start that this would be a turkey. Anything that brands itself a 'reboot' is certain to be hateful.

But Dad's Army? There are really some things you should never touch.

This series was the epitome of Britishness, a tale of the stolid underdog who would fight to the death in the face of any adversity.

It was also a brilliant comedy of manners, pitting the chippy, working-class-lad-done-well Mainwaring against the foppish, lazy dilettante Sgt Wilson.

It is hard to see how a metropolitan intellectual like Nighy would fit in with this.

And besides, what is the point? Maybe there would be a case for the BBC trying to remake some of the early episodes which have been lost. But a glossy, cinematic remake? It's wrong, wrong, wrong.

I don't know who came up with the idea, but I suspect that if Sgt Wilson were around, he would have some gentle words of advice.

"Do you think that's wise, Sir?" And no doubt Captain Mainwaring would be much more direct: "Stupid boy!"

Or, as Warden Hodges would say: Ruddy hooligans.

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TALKING of Bill Nighy, it seems that the police in Bristol seem to have taken another one of his films to heart.

After hearing reports of a stolen moped they sent five high-powered police cars and helicopter to pursue the rogue riders.

But on discovering that the fugitives weren't wearing crash helmets, the boys in blue decided to slow down the pursuit to a snail's pace to comply with health and safety guidance.

The chase lasted for two-and-a-half hours.

Lads, lads. Hot Fuzz was a comedy. Not a training video.



Some of the memorabilia that are on display



Duncan Edwards Way on Dudley Southern Bypass



The statue of Duncan in Dudley town centre

Following the trail of legend Duncan

A new leaflet maps out Dudley's tributes to its famous footballing son. **LEE WATTON** takes a stroll

HE was the home-grown footballing hero who tragically died in an air crash aged just 21.

But Duncan Edwards still occupies a special place in the hearts and minds of fans across the globe and many still make the pilgrimage to Dudley in honour of his memory.

And now they are able to follow in the great man's footsteps with the launch of a trail showcasing the various town landmarks linked to the legendary player. It will take supporters from the stained glass window dedicated to him at St Francis Church to his grave at Dudley Cemetery – which is visited by hundreds of fans each year.

Duncan's family said it was a 'moving tribute' to the player, who was born in Malvern Crescent, and planned to take the tour when next in the town.

It has been launched by Dudley Council to give fans the chance to learn more about the player and the tributes to him in his hometown.

The tour has been mapped out in an official leaflet which also includes an account of Duncan's tragically short life both in and outside football.

It includes memories of him growing up in Dudley and school photographs, along with glowing tributes from former professional footballers, including Sir Bobby Charlton.

Duncan was born on October 1, 1936. During his career he played for Manchester United and England and was nicknamed The Tank. He played at wing-half – but could also play centre half, centre forward and inside forward.

Duncan was one of the Busby Babes, the young Manchester United team formed under manager Sir Matt Busby



England training with Stanley Matthews, left, and captain Billy Wright, right, in 1957

in the late 1940s. He tragically died at the age of 21 from injuries sustained in the Munich air disaster on February 6, 1958.

But fans continue to celebrate his achievements and the visitor trail is the latest in a series of tributes paid to the star dubbed by his teammate Sir Bobby Charlton as 'the greatest player I have played with'.

Among the stops is St Francis Church, Laurel Road, where there is a stained glass window in Duncan's honour. It depicts the player and was

designed by Francis Skeat. Sir Matt Busby unveiled the window on August 27, 1961 and said: "There will only be one Duncan Edwards and any boy who strives to emulate Duncan or take him as his model, won't go far wrong."

Part of the trail is the player's grave in Dudley Cemetery, on Stourbridge Road. It has long been a shrine to fans and there is usually a fresh bunch of red and white flowers filling the black granite vase below the 6ft headstone.

The trail also includes Duncan Edwards Close, named in his honour,

which is located opposite the cemetery.

Visitors can follow the tour to Priory Park where a games area has been created in commemoration of Duncan. It was opened in 2006 by Sir Bobby Charlton.

One of the stops is Duncan Edwards Way. In 2008, Dudley's Southern Bypass was re-named in tribute to the player.

There is also a permanent display at the town's museum and art gallery in St James's Road.

Memorabilia included trophies, medals and caps, to football shirts, photographs, old newspaper cuttings and pictures, including a 10-minute video-clip of footage, celebrating the player's life.

And the trail would not be complete without a visit to the statue of the sporting great which has pride of place in the town's Market Place.

Shrine

Duncan's cousin Keith said: "I am delighted to hear about this trail. It is a wonderful and very moving treatment to Duncan," he said.

"It keeps his memory alive and highlights the pride people still have in Duncan and what he achieved. His grave remains a shrine to fans"

Mr Edwards said the family visited the grave twice a year, for his birthday on October 1 and also when he died on February 21, and would walk the trail when they were next in the area.

The guide is available from museums in the borough, Dudley Archives and Local History Centre, libraries and visitor attractions.

A version can be downloaded from the history and archives section of the Discover Dudley website at discover.dudley.gov.uk/history-archives/duncan-edwards

Dudley Council chief executive John Polychronakis said: "Duncan Edwards is one of Dudley's most famous sons and his life and legacy is something we are all extremely proud of and he will never be forgotten."

POLITICS

WITH
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IT seemed like the ultimate publicity stunt.

In the meetings to discuss the opening ceremony for the Commonwealth Games, blowing up five tower Glasgow tower blocks in front of a worldwide television audience must have seemed like a superb wheeze.

But now, with just weeks to go to the start, Commonwealth Games chiefs have been forced to perform an embarrassing U-turn and abandon the spectacular after 17,500 people signed a petition objecting to the plans. More to the point, several people living in the shadow of the flats said they would refuse to leave their homes to allow the explosions to take place.

Certainly, blowing up five of Scotland's tallest buildings would have made great television. And when similar such demolitions have been performed in the Black Country, there have been no shortage of people turning out to enjoy the spectacle.

However, while blowing up rundown, unpopular tower blocks might be popular in the short-term, there surely must be a debate to be had about whether it is a good long-term housing policy.

The high-rise flats of the 1950s and 60s were certainly not what one would call an architectural triumph. In the past, weak security, an unsuitable tenant mix, and poor maintenance has made many of them difficult to let. And once a block gets a bad name, it is very hard to shake off. Also, it should be recognised that many of these blocks are now between 50 and 60 years old, and were often built hurriedly and cheaply to solve Britain's postwar housing crisis.

However, much of the criticism of the so-called 'bedroom tax' or 'spare-room subsidy', depending on which side of the fence you sit, has surrounded the shortage of one and two-bedroom homes for single people and childless couples. And whatever the merits or otherwise of this policy, the problem is not going to be solved by demolishing such properties without replacing them.

There are shining examples of where local council in the West Midlands have done a superb job of turning around tower blocks. Baylie Court in Stourbridge, and Clent Court in Dudley spring to mind, where the once-unpopular flats have successfully been turned into pleasant homes.

Of course, transforming the homes that people love to hate is going to prove a far tougher task than knocking them down and handing the site over to developers, and throwing in a commitment to 'affordable homes'.

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Legion seek help with hero exhibition

TO celebrate the centenary of the Great War, the Lower Gornal Branch of the Royal British Legion is forming an exhibition based on local heroes. We are, of course, aware of these that paid the ultimate sacrifice. What we do lack is information on these that returned home from the war and continued in their lives.

To this end we are interested in acquiring on loan memorabilia from members of the local community for a short period. The exhibition will be shown in the public library and also within the British Legion club.

Anyone who is willing to allow photographs and other documents to be used can forward these by email to br3247rbl@btinternet.com with donor details so the due acknowledgement can be given. Persons willing to loan mementoes, including medals, can deliver same to the Royal British Legion club in Ruiton Street, Lower Gornal, securely packed and marked for the attention of the branch committee. Please include details for safe return of such items.

KEN FINCH, CHAIRMAN
Lower Gornal Branch RBL

Impact of changes to benefits

AN Oxfam report just published states 1.75 million people are affected by the benefit changes.

This is on top of real term benefit cuts. It has hit the most vulnerable in society — the coalition Government's welfare cap and the bedroom tax, cuts in council tax.

The worst hit 200,000 of the poorest families and the disabled are losing out by £876.00 per year.

Mark Goldring of Oxfam said the Government were blowing massive holes in their safety net. It is further proof that the bedroom tax has been a disaster.

The Coalition's answer to the Oxfam report is burying their heads in the sand and saying that a strong safety net is working.

I just hope the people of this country know where to stamp their feet in the upcoming May elections and don't forget the Tories wouldn't have been able to have brought out these policies without the dedicated help of the Lib-Dems.

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Nothing wrong with sense of smell

I RECENTLY wrote about the smell of dog mess on the park at Wall Heath, and this is not the only park, especially when freshly mowed.

I can assure J Jones there is nothing at all wrong with my sense of smell.

Perhaps he and his friends have lived there so long that they have become immune to the smell (or perhaps they walk about with pegs on their noses).

If he/she takes a walk up the gully between the park and the shops there is plenty on the ground to see, and if he/she bends down and puts their fingers in it, then rub it on their noses they might recognise the type of smell I'm talking about.

Also, on dog fouling, does this person not realise that dog faeces carry a worm

that can cause blindness in young children or is it that they just don't care?

I, like millions of other people, have grandchildren who play on these parks and believe this was the purpose they were built for, not walking dogs.

I must admit, I may be wrong about the park itself, I have noticed a number of dog bins situated around the park and this could be the source of the smell, but on a warm day it is definitely there.

Perhaps J Jones should try venturing out of his/her airtight box once in a while and take the peg off their nose and have a stroll through the dog mess round the park.

T DAVIS
Dudley

More votes for no one

WITH the MEP elections soon and our General Election next year, the thought occurs to me as to why the majority of people do not bother to vote. If it was local elections, the majority would vote 'for or against' the sitting councillor.

But what I am suggesting is how to increase the 25 percent who do actually vote. I should like to see on the ballot papers an extra candidate, shown as 'no name', of a non-existent party. If voters could not see any particular person or party they wanted to vote for, they could vote for 'no name', as a protest vote, instead of just spoiling their ballot papers, if as I believe, this would attract more voters to the polls, just to register a protest vote.

Should the 'no name' candidate win (it may be possible), then the main parties should re-assess their candidates, with the lowest polling parties withdrawing from the contest, before another poll is conducted.

J JONES
Wordsley

Seeking facts on old soldier

I AM carrying out research into Private 4271 E. Perks, of the Worcestershire Regiment, who was killed on 13th March 1916, and is buried in the churchyard at St Mary's Church, Oldswinford, Stourbridge.

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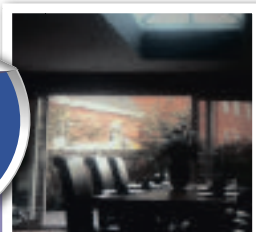
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Mountain of rubbish sees public bill pile up

A LEGAL row over a towering pile of rubbish has so far cost the taxpayer almost £90,000 as environment bosses said only 10 per cent of the waste had been cleared.

Environment Agency officials have also spent almost £10,000 on an aircraft to fly over the waste pile to create a 3D map.

But they said they would still pursue the bosses at Refuse Derived Fuel Ltd, in Brierley Hill, to pay for the clean-up of the site as well as the legal costs.

Blighted

Residents in the area have long complained about the views from their windows being blighted by rubbish piled around 40ft high in places at one time.

Many of those living nearby, including in new homes on the old Royal Brierley Crystal site, have been demanding a clear-up since 2009.

The company, which recycles waste for use in the fuel industry, was ordered to reduce the height of the mound. But although some waste was removed the firm failed to meet strict orders set by the High Court in Birmingham.

Company director Robert McNaughton was sentenced to six months in prison last December for contempt of court after failing to meet deadlines to remove the waste.

According to a Freedom of Information request, the Environment Agency have accrued legal fees of £87,770.87 to bring the action against the firm. This includes £22,787.47, excluding VAT, in barrister's fees, £53,577 in internal legal costs and £1,739.40 in court fees.

The agency also spent £9,667 flying an aircraft over the site, in Moor Street, using light detection and rang-



The huge mound of waste at the Moor Street site in Brierley Hill



The mountain of rubbish as seen over the rooftops from Bague Walk in Brierley Hill

ing technology to identify the scale of the piles to use as evidence in court.

Mr McNaughton and the company was ordered to meet all the legal costs in the civil case.

The amount that Mr McNaughton personally will have to pay and how much will come from the company has yet to be decided by the court.

Environment Agency spokeswoman

Sharon Robinson said they are continuing to work towards the clean up of the site. But she said: "We believe that the taxpayer should not pay for this. It is the result of commercial activity involving RDF Limited and the land-owners. We will continue to press the parties responsible to clear the site."

Mr McNaughton could not be contacted for a comment

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Pingo p-p-picks up birthday celebrations



Dudley Zoo bird keeper Kriss Pearson with Humboldt penguin Pingu, which 23 years old

BIRD keepers at Dudley Zoo have been celebrating the birthday of their oldest penguin, Pingu, who turned 23 this week, was one of five Humboldt penguins brought to zoo in 1991.

Keeper Kriss Pearson said: "It's because of him that we now have 67 parent-reared penguins in the bay, which is one of the largest colonies of Humboldt penguins in the UK."

Celebrations continued last Friday to mark World Penguin Day, an annual event to coincide with the northern migration of penguins.

The birds, which are classed as vulnerable, originate along the South American coastline in areas reached by the Humboldt current, named after German scientist, Alexander Von Humboldt explored the region in the late 1700s.

Waste site proposals stink, say protesters

A CAMPAIGN group fighting plans for a waste recycling plant in Brierley claims people living within a half-a-mile radius could be faced with 'stomach-wrenching' odour.

Clean Power Properties insists its proposed plant off Moor Stree will not generate bad smells and has described an 'odour map' by the Brierley Hill Say No To Waste Site group as 'not relevant'.

The map covers an area with six churches, three schools and homes.

Group member have warned residents they could be impacted by odour from the plant in a rallying call to bring more people on board their campaign.

A public meeting takes place at Hawbush Primary School on June 7 - just over two weeks before a planning inquiry at Dudley Town Hall to decide on the controversial project, first unveiled two years ago.

Campaign spokesman Tim Lee said the map was based on another anaerobic digestion plant at the Poplars Landfill site, Cannock.

He said they measured the radius by the distance people living from the Biffa-run site had complained about smells. Mr Lee, aged 63, of Seagers Lane, said: "Residents in Cannock as far away as 800 metres are complaining."

"We have paid a visit to the houses near the Cannock site and when we stopped the car we could smell it, it was like rotting food - it was stomach-wrenching."

Clean Power Properties has claimed the plant, which will process 195,000 tons of waste a year and create 30 jobs, will not cause a smell.

A spokesman said: "The odour map is not relevant to the Clean Power proposal."

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Medieval theme to draw tourists to town landmark

LIKE lots of other Black Country families, we travelled to Ludlow for the day over the Easter Bank Holiday. We visited the castle and I was struck, as I always am, by how similar it is to our own castle here in Dudley.

What was different was that it was packed with families visiting the medieval fair the town had organised, watching the jousting, falconry display and climbing the tower. Outside, the market was thriving. Pubs and restaurants were doing a roaring trade.

It confirmed my view that we need to do something similar in Dudley. I grew up in the town and had my first job in the High Street. I want to see new ideas to bring new investment, trade and jobs to the town. If it can work in Ludlow, which isn't the easiest place to get to, there's no reason it couldn't work here with a million people within a 40 minute drive.

Let's open the castle for concerts and plays throughout the summer. Why can't we have a medieval fair? Events like this would bring thousands of visitors to Dudley, boosting trade.

That's why I was so pleased to hear that the castle will be hosting a performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream this summer when I met zoo boss Peter Suddock last week. The performance is on Saturday, July 12, at 6pm with tickets priced £10 for adults and £5 concessions. Full details are available from Leasowes School on 01384 816 285. This could be the start of

THE WAY I SEE IT



Dudley North Labour MP Ian Austin takes the stand in our weekly Chronicle column which gives our local representatives the chance to air their views

'Let's open the castle for plays and concerts throughout the summer. Events like this would bring thousands of visitors'

something really exciting for the castle and the town.

New figures released in the last couple of weeks show the extent of the food bank crisis here in the West Midlands. In the last year alone a record 93,461 people used food banks in the West Midlands, including 35,425 children.

The figures were put together by the Trussell Trust, a Christian charity that runs 400 food banks across the country including 85 in our region. The Trust says the explosion in demand at their food banks is down to the rising cost of living and the chaos in the welfare reforms.

The Government has to take some responsibility for this. As a result of rising

prices and falling wages, families are £1,600 worse off a year and the Government's Bedroom Tax alone has pushed nearly 2,000 households in Dudley into rent arrears. Rather than take responsibility and face up to this crisis, the Government wants to pretend it doesn't exist.

Last year they blamed the crisis on more food banks opening and earlier this year ministers told me it was all down to supermarkets making more donations to food banks. Now they're blaming these latest figures on food banks "aggressively marketing their services" to people in need.

Before Ministers in London started pointing the finger, they should have come

to visit food banks here in Dudley and the Black Country. Despite only helping people that are referred to them by doctors and Job Centres, they're still struggling to meet demand. They do phenomenal work but would be overjoyed if demand dried up tomorrow.

Our out-of-touch Government hasn't got a clue how difficult life is for people at the moment.

The use of zero hour contracts has also exploded under David Cameron. New figures from the Office for National Statistics show that the number of workers on zero hours contracts has tripled since 2010, with some studies suggesting that up to a million workers are affected.

These contracts offer no set hours and no set wage. In many companies staff do work fixed hours and know how many hours they'll be working. But I've met others who don't know how many hours they'll be working the following day. Some local people tell me they have to be available even though they might not be called to work. Some turn up only to be told to go home after an hour or so. For some workers on these contracts it's impossible to budget from one week to the next. Job security is non-existent and it's impossible to plan for the future.

I don't want to ban zero hours contracts but we need action to prevent them being abused, to bring wages up and ensure they are not used for people who are in practice working regular hours.

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They call it dentophobia – an extremely common affliction where sufferers are scared stiff of going to the dentist.

Figures suggest that about 12 per cent of us suffer from extreme dental anxiety and the British Dental Association says that 25 per cent of the UK population undergo some sort of anxiety before visiting the dentist. That's an awful lot of people.

Panic attacks, fainting, being tense, hyperventilating and just "being terrified" are all symptoms.

In a campaign to address these fears, Dudley's North Street Dental Clinic is setting aside staff for a month and running "drop-in-and-chat" sessions to help sufferers. **No appointment is necessary.**

The clinic's "Love Your Dentist" initiative promises a listening ear, as much time as people need and lots of "tea and sympathy." All consultations with the dentist and clinical diagnosis are being offered free, including all the necessary X-rays.

Whether it's the dentist's drill, needles, the apprehension over pain, gagging, or something else to blame for these anxieties, avoiding them puts people's health at risk, says North Street dentist Polly (GDC No 188090), a Doctor of Dental Medicine, who joined the team after working in Michigan, USA, at a prestigious cosmetic dental centre.

The good news is that all phobias are curable. Polly, who looks after the practice's general dentistry, has been encountering nervous patients for years and on both sides of the Atlantic.

She admits that historically her own profession has not helped alleviate the national problem "but dentistry has changed dramatically in its approach to treatments and the care of patients," she says.

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Her regular dental nurse, Ann, who has completed some 35 years at the practice, has witnessed many of the changes in the way patients are cared for. "I came here on work experience and never went home," she jokes.

Reflecting on her long career she says: "We make a good team, Polly and me," adding that of all the transitions she has seen at the practice, the latest £500,000 refurbishment has been the most dramatic.

"The changes here are incredible. The whole building has been torn apart and rebuilt and the three new surgeries are nothing like the ones I used to work in," she says.

The practice is totally disabled-friendly with level access to the waiting area, drop-off point right by the door, dedicated off-road parking and toilet facilities.

But the dentistry landscape has also changed

equally dramatically. "Children were terrified of the dentist in the early days, especially the school dentist and that scary clinical imagery that surrounded them still troubles some of our more mature patients today," says Ann.

Nothing silly about being afraid

People with fears of the dentist can become more and more dominated by the precautions they take to avoid the things that scare them.

"Fears are often irrational and many sufferers know that's the case, but they're nonetheless real and we recognise that. After all, fears are a natural reaction to things we dislike.

"It's understandable that those who have had a bad experience are afraid and we want to put that right," says Polly.

The clinical team at North Street Dental, which forms part of the Denture Clinic operation, is clear that there is no shame or nothing silly about being afraid.

They pledge that those who come through the doors will be listened to, not judged and encouraged in their personal quest to overcome the fears they have.

Practice manager Jacqueline Burchell adds: "Staff have training to deal with nervous patients and I encourage people to tell us exactly how it is for them.

"Firstly, we assure them they are not alone and that many others suffer in the same way. We have literally held the hands of people who have been in the dentist's chair for treatment as we have managed their anxiety. From start to finish, Polly, Ann and myself, along with our other staff, are there for them.

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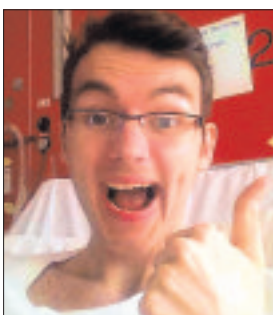
DYING teenager Stephen Sutton's fundraising drive has smashed the £3 million mark.

The cancer patient from Burntwood has released a new 'thumbs up' photograph of himself as donations continued to flood in for his fundraising appeal for the Teenage Cancer Trust.

He has captured the hearts of millions of people throughout the world with his inspirational fight against the disease. The 19-year-old is in hospital after his condition deteriorated but he has shown improvements after coughing up a tumour. He has been battling cancer for three years and is fundraising for the Teenage Cancer Trust.

Posting his new picture online he wrote: "One week ago I posted a 'thumbs up' farewell' photo that went viral. As mentioned, at that point a genuinely thought I was a goner but one week on I'm still here!"

"Overall my time here will still be cut significantly short by my illness (but I've known that anyway for a while anyway). Coughing up that tumour has helped hugely but headlines



A new thumbs up from Stephen

of 'on the mend' are shortsighted and perhaps misleading. I am still ravaged by tumours elsewhere that will and are currently harming me. But with my breathing fine and no other acute medical problems at the moment, we can optimistically look forward to a period of 'future' that at the beginning of the week seemed impossible."

He said his medical team were currently discussing what to do next, but added: "In the meantime: To celebrate still being here after this crazy week, to celebrate this wonderful journey called life, and to celebrate being part of raising over £3,000,000 for Teenage Cancer Trust... Here's a huge thumbs up from me!!!"

Gig

Comedian Jason Manford held a one-off gig at Players' Bar in Birmingham on Sunday and said he hoped the fund would go on to reach £5m for the Teenage Cancer Trust.

Stephen inspired the world when last week he posted what he thought would be his final blog entry on Facebook from his hospital bed.

Stephen had initially set out to raise £10,000 for the Teenage Cancer Trust and created a bucket list of 46 things to do before he died. But the teenager's story and remarkable attitude to life helped him smash that target, with donations flooding in.

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"We have had a happy life together," he said. "She played hard to get at the start but we eventually got together and have been together ever since."

The couple came from Oldbury

where Mary attended Rounds Green School before working at a printers. After working at several factories, including Acoles and Pollacks, Gordon became a tanker driver but turned to coach driving during the summer holidays where he would entertain his passengers by breaking into song. Later he set up his own coach company Gordon's.

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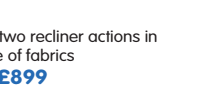
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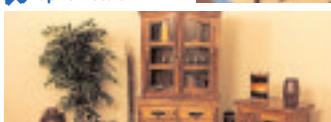
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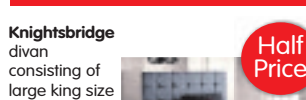
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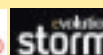
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Tributes to popular opera singer Lyndsie

SHE was born and bred in the Black Country and rose from humble beginnings to win global acclaim for performances in works by Gilbert and Sullivan.

Tributes have paid to opera singer Lyndsie Holland, from Stourbridge, who has died at the age of 79.

After leaving school she worked as a telephonist, but after starting to perform with a choir her career took a different path.

She performed for one of the leading theatre companies – the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company known for its productions of Gilbert and Sullivan works.

Miss Holland died on April 2 after suffering a heart attack.

Her friend of more than 40 years David Harrison-Steadman, who was principal conductor of the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company, paid tribute to a performer who 'enjoyed popularity wherever she went'.

Miss Holland, from Pedmore, was the youngest child in a family of eight.

Her introduction to singing came in harmonising with her brothers and hearing opera recordings at their home.

She was born Margaret Foster but took her stage name from the maiden names of her two grandmothers.

Miss Holland attended Stourbridge High School and worked at the British Road Services, Kingswinford, and as a telephonist in Birmingham.

After taking preliminary singing lessons, she sang as soloist with Kingswinford-based male voice choir, the Gentleman Songsters, and was later persuaded to join the Midland Music Makers. To her astonishment and de-



Opera singer Lyndsie Holland rehearsing in Stourbridge in 1936

light she was given a leading role in a production of Borodin's Prince Igor.

At one of the performances she was spotted by a talent scout from Sadler's Wells Opera and after further study at the Birmingham School of Music made her debut for the company in 1968.

Two years later she auditioned for Dame Bridget D'Oyly Carte at the Savoy and was offered a job.

Her first performance was as Lady Sangazure in The Sorcerer. She appeared in the other Gilbert and Sullivan operas as quickly as she could learn the roles including Dame Hannah in Ruddigore, Dame Carruthers in The Yeomen of the Guard and Katisha



Lyndsie Holland as Katisha in a production of The Mikado

in The Mikado. One Broadway critic hailed her as the best Katisha since the 1930s. She sang Little Buttercup in the company's ATV film of HMS Pinafore and also at the Royal Command Performance at Windsor Castle. During the centenary celebrations at the Savoy, BBC Radio 2 transmitted The Mikado with Miss Holland as Katisha. She was principal contralto for the company for nearly seven years.

She spent her final year in a London nursing home. Mr Harrison-Steadman said: "Success never went to Lyndsie's head and she enjoyed popularity wherever she went."

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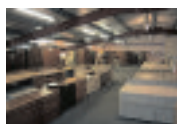
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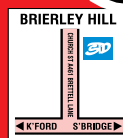
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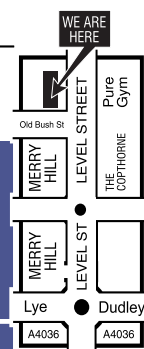
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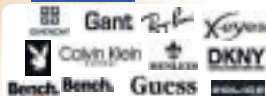
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NEWS in brief

Nearly 50 dog attacks in borough

MORE than 300 people across the Black Country and Staffordshire were admitted to hospital after dog attacks over the course of a year.

Figures released by Health and Social Care Information Centre show there were a total of 323 people who required urgent medical treatment between February 2013 and January 2014 as a result of an attack by a dog.

In Dudley 49 people needed urgent treatment while in Sandwell and West Birmingham there were 68 reports and in Wolverhampton 23 people were admitted to hospital.

Changes to the Dangerous Dogs Act last May that made it possible for owners to be prosecuted for dog attacks on private property.

Eight injured in spate of crashes

EIGHT people were taken to hospital after crashes in the Black Country at the weekend. Six were involved on the Hagley Road, Bearwood, just before 8pm on Sunday.

One man, two women and three children were taken to hospital. One of the women had neck and chest injuries while the man had a neck injury.

A man in his 20s was also taken to hospital with leg and pelvic injuries after a two-car crash on the Birmingham New Road, Coseley, early on Monday. A woman was taken to hospital after a two-car crash at the junction of Chapel Street and Pedmore Road, Stourbridge, on Saturday.

X-tra special opportunity for town singing hopefuls

HAS the Black Country got the X Factor? More than 100 hopefuls flocked to find out if they have what it takes as auditions for the top TV singing talent show came to Dudley

While usually staged in big arenas, this year the auditions have gone on the road as show bosses scour the country for tomorrow's stars.

They arrived in Dudley last week as singers and musicians waited in the rain for hours outside Dudley Town Hall to get their chance to impress. Queues started forming at around 7.30am, despite auditions not getting under way until noon and those that impressed the show's representatives got the chance to audition for a second time at Birmingham City's football ground, St Andrews, on Thursday.

Cowell

Singers face up to five elimination rounds before they get to sing in front of Simon Cowell, who this year will be joined by Cheryl Cole and Louis Walsh. The fourth judge is yet to be revealed.

First in line James Davies, aged 20, who sang Angels by Robbie Williams but failed to get through to the second round.

Jamie, from Dudley, spent five hours waiting for his 30 second slot and before his audition said: "I started singing properly about five months ago but have been singing since I was little."

Second in line hoping to wow the judges was Holly Wright, of



Holly Wright was one of the youngest X Factor hopefuls who auditioned at Dudley Town Hall

Forest Drive, Old Hill, and at 14, the teenager was only just old enough to take part. She said: "When they lowered the age I thought why not. I have been singing for four years." The pupil at St Michael's in Rowley Regis sang Clown by Emeli Sandé but did not make it to the next stage.



James Davies, aged 20, sang Angels by Robbie Williams but failed to make it to the second round

After more than two hours in the rain, there were smiles all round for three female solo singers who each got a yes.

Kimberley Massey, 28, from Corporation Road, Dudley, was asked back after her version of Misery by Pink.

She said: "I have auditioned

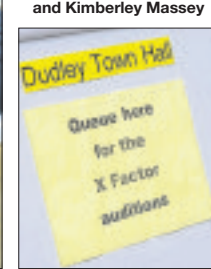
seven times and have got through to the second round every time but I am yet to meet the judges.

"I think it is five rounds before you sing in front of them. I really hope I can make it this year."

Catherine Owen, 28, from Briarley Hill, was also given the green light to go one step closer to the



Clare Hall, Catherine Owen and Kimberley Massey



X marks the spot — the sign outside Dudley Town Hall

judges, after singing Respect. It was her first time auditioning and she said: "I was very nervous but also very excited."

Mother-of-one Clare Hall from Dudley was also put through.

The 25-year-old said: "I really enjoyed my audition."

Housing estate hit by spate of burglaries

FIVE burglaries have been recorded in two weeks at a housing estate in Tividale.

One of the cases at Trafalgar Court, off New Birmingham Road, has seen an intruder allegedly make off with a resident's tools. There have also been reports of a stranger knocking on doors posing as a bogus official.

Police say residents are reluctant to come forward and speak to officers about criminal activity. It comes after officers said earlier in the year that the flats were in such a poor condition police couldn't tell if reports of criminal damage were genuine.

The owner of eight out of nine blocks of flats there, Trafalgar Court Property Ltd, has previously been fined tens of thousands of pounds for continued failure to deal with repairs. One of the blocks of flats out of nine is, however, well maintained.

Neighbourhood officer Sergeant Sam Archer said: "We have had five burglaries reported in two weeks on this estate. Tenants are reluctant to speak to us and assist police with inquiries."

A meeting has now been called on the estate tomorrow (Friday) at 10am, to which Sandwell Council representatives, private landlords, representatives from the police's anti-social behaviour team, West Midlands Fire Service and Western Power Distribution are all invited.

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New creations – and an old favourite

Three Short Works, Crescent Theatre, Birmingham
BIRMINGHAM Royal Ballet began their home city's fourth international dance festival with a triple bill of three short works showcasing new creations and reviving an old favourite.

BRB dancer Kit Holder followed up his exciting Paper Jam and his 2012 festival offering 9-5 with Quatrain. This angular work with its hanging backdrop of steel sculpture featured

moves inspired by tango danced to brittle music, played on solo violin superbly by Royal Ballet Sinfonia leader Robert Gibbs. Technically demanding movement but lacking tango passion.

The second world premiere piece, by former BRB dancer Alexander Whitley, was also danced to string music. Kin was all about fluid movement and dynamic energy. It began with a lithe and liquid solo from Principal Jenna Roberts. The Australian dancer also

gave an eye-catching performance in the final traditional piece, Les Rendezvous, a delightful ballet by Frederick Ashton harking back to the company's 1930s origins. The colourful costumes and charming theme of friends meeting in a park was witty and elegant.

Les Rendezvous will be performed alongside Facade and Dante Sonata in a triple bill at Birmingham Hippodrome from June 4 to 7.

Leon Burakowski

Little less fun this time Frank

Frank Skinner, Symphony Hall
SEVEN years on from his last stand-up tour, funtime Frankie remains frank but a little less fun. The razor-sharp and filthy rude comic of the 1980s and Three Lions chanting football lad of the 90s is now more comfortable with anecdotes about Fortnum and Mason picnic hampers and shopping in Waitrose.

He was worried by six empty seats in the front row. Perhaps the ticket holders had been involved in a car accident, he opined. Skinner need not worry, this was the third of three nights at Birmingham's Symphony Hall and fifth West Midlands gig in eight days.

Age is now his chief concern. He reminded us that he has a partner but worried that using the word 'girlfriend' at his age could only be topped in immaturity by referring to his 'skateboard'.

Frank still tells filthy anecdotes and did so as the show passed the hour mark of his 90 minute set. But, on the whole, Frank is growing old gracefully.

Leon Burakowski



The launch of Happy Days show with Heidi Range, Ben Freeman and Cheryl Baker

Musical has plenty of fizz as Happy Days are here again

Happy Days The Musical, Birmingham Hippodrome

HEEEY! Happy Days are here again. And this time in musical form. Ben Freeman starred as everyone's favourite cool guy Fonze, with Heidi Range (Pinky Tuscadero) and Cheryl Baker (Marion Cunningham) also taking lead roles. It was good to see the cast given a chance to shine with everyone in fine voice and faultless in delivery. James Patterson as Howard Cunningham bore the most striking resemblance to their television counterparts.

The Al's Diner from TV was replaced by Arnold's for the stage show and the story

centred on the battle to save it from closure. To do so, the Fonze had to wrestle the Malachi brothers. The slow motion fight scenes were very well done and the fast-paced scenery changes ensured the audience kept their eyes on proceedings. It was a watchable production, if short on belly laughs, but with some stand-out lines.

The best line was left to Baker, who presented with a possible list of cocktails to make, quipped: "I have trouble making my mind up" before adding: "Ooh, Bucks Fizz!"

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LOOK WHAT'S INCLUDED...

Day 1: We head to Heysham on the Lancashire coast and take the afternoon ferry to Douglas, Isle of Man to our hotel.

Day 2: Breakfast then we join the Isle of Man Steam Railway which runs to Port Erin. Admission to the Steam Museum is included with some free time in Port Erin. Later we head to Cregneash for some views of the Calf of Man, returning via Port Mary and Castletown.

Day 3: After breakfast we head to Ramsey, from here we head to Peel, home to the island's cathedral. Later we stop for a lovely treat at Green's Tea Rooms at Tynwald Hill.

Day 4: Today is left free so you can explore Douglas at your own pace.

Day 5: Breakfast, then it's time to go home. We take the ferry back to Heysham and continue our homeward journey.

The Rutland Hotel, Douglas ★★ ★
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LOOK WHAT'S INCLUDED...

Day 1: Join our coach this morning for our journey down to Cornwall. With comfort stops on the way, we arrive at the Barrowfield Hotel late afternoon. Time to check into your en-suite room and explore the hotel before dinner this evening.

Day 2: After breakfast you board the coach for a trip to Truro - a small, bustling city, with lots of character and interesting things to see. From the flowing rivers to the picturesque Georgian streets, the 18th and 19th Century town houses and the magnificent Victorian Cathedral that dominates the city.

Day 3: After breakfast, we take the coast road from Newquay, past Watergate Bay to the fishing village of Padstow. Padstow is full of Cornish charm - a quaint quayside with colourful fishing boats and narrow cobbled streets with cosy pubs, tea rooms and small shops selling local crafts, art, and locally produced food. After a while in Padstow we head a little further up the coast to the village of Tintagel - where you will find numerous shops, tea shops and cosy pubs.

Day 4: Today is left free so you can relax, use the hotel facilities.

Day 5: After a last, hearty 'Barrowfield' breakfast we bid farewell for home.

Barrowfield Hotel, Newquay
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Coach departs: **Sunday 25th May £179**

Torquay

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5 Days £209

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5-day trip staying in Torquay, Devon and visiting the picture-postcard towns of Brixham, Looe and Polperro...

Price includes: 4 nights hotel, dinner, bed & breakfast, coach & trips out. S.S. £23

Coach departs: **Friday 6th June £209**

LOOK WHAT'S INCLUDED...

Day 1: You'll arrive at your hotel late afternoon with time to settle-in and freshen-up before dinner this evening.

Day 2: A full day out today as we head west - leaving Devon behind as we cross the River Tamar into Cornwall and visit two beautiful coastal villages. Polperro. Sheltered from the ravages of time and tide in its cliff ravine, it's an enchanting jumble of cottages, each one unmistakably the work of a Cornish fisherman. Wending your way through the traffic-free streets to the small harbour, you're treading the paths where barrows of fish were once carted and, under cover of night, brandy casks and tobacco bales were carried into their hideouts. Polperro was once a thriving centre for the area's smuggling. Looe is situated on both sides of the River Looe. In medieval times East Looe and West Looe were separate towns.

Day 3: After breakfast - a morning trip along the coast to the picturesque fishing port of Brixham. Watch the fishing boats come and go with the day's catch and explore the variety of unique shops all located around the harbour. We return to Torquay early afternoon so you have the chance to spend some time in your resort.

Day 4: Today is left free so you can explore Torquay at your own pace

Day 5: We leave for home after a last, hearty 'Coppice' breakfast.

The Coppice Hotel Torquay ★★ ★
A family owned and run with 40 en-suite bedrooms, secluded gardens & sun terraces, extensive leisure facilities including: indoor and outdoor pools, spa, sauna and mini gym. Bar, restaurant. NO Lift but a number of ground floor rooms are available.

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Coach departs: **Sunday 31st August £79**

LOOK WHAT'S INCLUDED...

Day 1 Sunday: Meet our coach on Sunday morning for our leisurely journey up to Blackpool. We'll arrive Blackpool mid-afternoon and you can enjoy some free time in town before we check into our hotel at 4pm. After dinner (around 7.30pm) your coach will be waiting to take you on a tour of the famous Golden Mile. The least traffic is on Sunday evenings so it's a good time to enjoy the Lights.

Later this evening - and you could always enjoy a nightcap or two in the hotel bar - or try one of the many other hotels just outside on the Promenade.

Day 2 Monday: Wake to a hearty breakfast (or something lighter, there's plenty of options) then we go up to the Lake District where you'll have time to yourself in Bowness and Ambleside before we leave the Lakes for home - arriving back early evening.

Carlton Hotel Blackpool ★★ ★
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Lakes Mini Break

2 Day Coach Mini Break

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Enjoy a Mini Break to the Lake District visiting the charming village of Cartmel on the way to our hotel. Stay overnight in a lovely 3 star hotel and next day enjoy a ride on the Haverthwaite Steam Railway and a cruise on Lake Windermere...

Day 1: Journey north towards the Lake District. Once in Cumbria our first stop is in the charming Lake District village of Cartmel. Then we go on to our hotel, Shap wells.

Day 2: A special day in the Lake District. First we make our way to Haverthwaite Railway Station and board a train for a short journey through the beautiful scenery of the Leven Valley to Lakeside. After a short time in Lakeside we board a boat for a 40 minute cruise on stunning Lake Windermere.

Price includes: coach travel, hotel with dinner & breakfast, train and boat fare. Single Supp. £20

Coach departs:
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Day 1: Join our coach this morning as travel down to London. With a Brunch/comfort stop on route, we should arrive in Knightsbridge early afternoon and the coach will set down close to Harrods so you can enjoy the shops of Knightsbridge for a few hours and time for lunch.

Later we go to our hotel for overnight stay.

Day 2: After breakfast we leave the hotel for our pre-booked visit to Buckingham Palace. After the Palace we board our coach for Covent Garden - a myriad of unusual shops and traders and of course the famous street entertainers - all trying to see who can attract the biggest audience. We leave London around 3pm.

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Coach departs: **Saturday 9th August £99**

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What's On!

Flash dancers come Mob-handed

STRICTLY meets street dance in Flash Mob, a show that unites some of the most exciting talents on the dance scene, coming to Wolverhampton and Birmingham this summer.

Britain's Got Talent outfit Flawless will team up with Strictly Come Dancing professionals Kevin Clifton, who was partnered with Susanna Reid, and his fiancé Karen Hauer, who partnered Harry Biker Dave Myers in the series.

Flash Mob also features contemporary dancers Alleviate and Irish fusion couple Brosena from Sky's Got To Dance, plus Tommy Fransen of So You Think You Can Dance. It is at the New Alexandra Theatre on June 27 and the Grand Theatre on July 15 and 16.

Singing Cavern true to its name

THE Singing Cavern, deep under Dudley Castle and accessed via the canal tunnel, will live up to its name when Cradley Heath Male Voice Choir perform at this most unusual of venues on Saturday, May 17.

Tickets for the 7.30pm concert cost £10.80 including boat transport in and out of the cavern by Dudley Canal Trust.

The concert is one of a series of events including a screening of silent classic The Phantom of the Opera with live musical accompaniment on June 28 (£15).

For tickets or information contact Dudley Canal Trust on 0121 557 6265.

French diva of dance is to provide festival highlight

Rocker Joe joins the War

THERE will be fireworks when the final arena tour of Jeff Wayne's The War of the Worlds comes to Birmingham LG Arena on November 5.

The spectacular show will feature Jason Donovan and West End star Carrie Hope Fletcher. Joining them is Wolverhampton's X Factor rocker Joe Whelan as The Voice of Humanity. The line-up also features X Factor 2005 winner Shayne Ward, Westlife singer Brian McFadden and Jeff Wayne will be conducting the 36-piece Ulladubulla Strings.

Effects include the 35-foot tall Martian Fighting Machine and, for the first time, the Victorian author of The War of the Worlds, HG Wells will appear at the event, via modern technology rather than The Time Machine he wrote about.

Tickets for the sixth and final tour cost £38.50.



The spectacular set for The War of the Worlds, touring arenas for the last time

ONE of the finest dancers of the age will be bringing her dynamism and fluid movement to Birmingham Hippodrome in one of the highlights of Birmingham International Dance Festival.

French ballet and contemporary dancer Sylvie Guillem, who was principal female dancer at the Paris Opera Ballet in the 1980s after her sensational performances as a teenager in Rudolf Nureyev's Don Quixote, will present 6,000 Miles Away.

It is a collection of three dance pieces, two in which the 49-year-old dance star features.

Tempest

Staged on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 6 and 7, the programme devised by Guillem includes choreographer William Forsythe's duet Rearray; Mats Ek's Bye, a solo for Guillem set to music by Beethoven; and ensemble piece 27'52" by Jiri Kylian featuring dancers picked by Guillem.

Canadian choreographer Crystal Pite is influenced by Shakespeare's The Tempest for Tempest Replica being performed by her Kidd Pivot dance company at the Hippodrome tomorrow night (Friday) and Saturday.

The Symphony Hall becomes a dance festival venue for the first time when Quebec's Cas Public team up with the Ex Cathedra choir



Sylvie Guillem in performance

for Concert Danse tomorrow, also featuring Kathak dancer Aakash Odedra and members of Birmingham Royal Ballet. Aakash has his own shows Murmur and Inked at the Patrick Centre in the Hippodrome on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Next Thursday to Saturday Montreal contemporary circus troupe Les 7 doigts de la main (the 7 fingers of the hand) bring their blend of acrobatics, dance and theatre to Birmingham Rep in Sequence 8.

It's all about McBusted now

MCBUSTED, featuring members of boy bands Busted and McFly, still have a huge following judging by their four gigs at the LG Arena this month.

James Bourne and Matt Willis will join McFly's Tom Fletcher, Danny Jones, Dougie Poynter and Harry Judd to form the six-piece supergroup. So expect to hear Year 3000 and All About You in the same set when McBusted play the LG tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday, then again on May 17 and 27.

The notable absence, former Busted singer Charlie Simpson, continues his solo career after 2012 album Young Pilgrim. Catch up with him at Birmingham's Academy 2 venue on Thursday, May 15.

Grand illusion will be infamous

WITH a combination of psychology and showmanship, Derren Brown has made the art of illusion hip again in several TV shows — in which he has regularly baffled and amazed viewers.

But he is probably at his most potent live, as audiences will discover when he brings his show Infamous, the sequel to the hugely popular Svengali, to Wolverhampton Grand Theatre from Monday to Saturday, May 10.

Tickets cost £32.50-£37.50, call 01902 429212. The show, directed by Andy Nyman, is not suitable for under-12s.

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CHOICE



Rob Brydon

The Guess List

(BBC1, 9.20pm)

Lined up in Rob Brydon's comedy crosschairs this week are I'm A Celebrity... winner and tunesmith Kian Egan; Kate Silvertown; David Walliams, Tess Daly and the man he's spent years impersonating, Ronnie Corbett. His golfing buddy proves to be as amiable as ever, especially as he delivers one of the best gags of the night regarding their recent match on the fairway, "Played nine holes," says Ronnie. "Fell down four." The big question is: will contestants James and Jan manage to fill in the (blankety) blanks when asked questions such as: 'According to a recent survey, what most annoys the British public?' Let's hope so.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Nigellissima. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **12.45** Saturday Sportsday. **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** Live Snooker: The World Championship. **4.30** Final Score. **5.10** Film: Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa. (2008) Animated comedy sequel, with the voice of Ben Stiller.

6.30 BBC News: Regional News.

6.50 Pointless Celebrities. Alexander Armstrong invites contestants related to the world of crime – either real or fictional – to take part in the game show. They are Lisa Maxwell and Mark Wingett, who starred in The Bill, one-time Crimewatch presenter Sue Cook and investigative journalist Donal MacIntyre. Bad Girls actors Helen Fraser and Jack Ellis, and detective-fiction writers Laura Wilson and Mark Billingham. Who'll be best when it comes to being worst? Richard Osman is the one with the answers.

7.40 The National Lottery: In It To Win It. Dale Winton presents the quiz in which five contestants pit their wits to scoop a big cash prize. Only those in the winners' row will have a chance of taking home the loot, so they will need to get all the answers right – as well as a little bit of luck on their side.

8.30 Casualty. An adult reading lesson ends in disaster when a woman grows jealous of her tutor's girlfriend and inadvertently causes her to end up in hospital suffering from an asthma attack. But that proves to be just the start of the trio's problems. An elderly woman and her two grandchildren make plans to have the best day ever, but things start to go downhill when the granny feels pains in her chest and one of the kids tumbles off a climbing frame. Dixie faces her disciplinary meeting, having moved a patient without permission. Connie raises concerns about Zoe's methods and Fletcher's moonlighting as a taxi driver catches up with him.

9.20 The Guess List. David Walliams, Ronnie Corbett, Kian Egan, Tess Daly and Kate Silvertown help contestants answer all sorts of everyday questions.

10.00 BBC News: Weather.

10.20 Match of the Day: National Lottery Update.

11.45 The Football League Show. **1.05** Weatherview. **1.10** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 Film: Angel Face. (1952) **7.30** Great British Menu. (R) **8.00** Great British Menu. (R) **8.30** Great British Menu. (R) **9.00** Great British Menu. (R) **9.30** Great British Menu. (R) **10.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. The third and penultimate session of the second semi-final. **12.00** Spring Kitchen with Tom Kerridge. (R) **12.45** Spring Kitchen with Tom Kerridge. (R) **1.30** Richard Attenborough: Talking Pictures. **2.10** Film: Young Winston. (1972) Biopic of Winston Churchill, starring Simon Ward. **4.30** Live Snooker: The World Championship. The opening semi-final is set to reach a conclusion. **5.30** Natural World: Nature's Misfits. (R)

6.30 Flog It! Presenter Paul Martin is joined by experts Charlie Ross and Mark Stacey to value items in the town of Monmouth, south-east Wales, including a selection of Babar books, a tortoise-shaped box and a pocket globe. (R)

7.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship. Hazel Irvine presents coverage of the fourth and final session of the second semi-final at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, where the first player to reach 17 frames will progress to the final. Ronnie O'Sullivan and Barry Hawkins were successful at this stage last year, with the Rocket becoming the first defending champion since Ken Doherty in 1998 to reach the final. The commentary team includes Dennis Taylor, Willie Thorne and Stephen Hendry. Subsequent programmes subject to change.

9.30 Generation War: Our Mothers, Our Fathers. Greta has been sent to the Soviet Union by her SS lover Dorn to entertain the troops on the eastern front, meeting Wilhelm, Friedhelm and Charlotte two years after their last encounter. Meanwhile, Viktor is on a train being transported to a concentration camp, but manages to escape with a Polish woman and flees into the forests. Second World War drama, starring Tom Schilling, Volker Bruch and Katharina Schuettler. In German.

11.00 Film: What Just Happened? (2007) A Hollywood producer tries to keep the peace on a movie set, while also struggling with his own family's problems. Comedy drama, starring Robert De Niro and Catherine Keener.

12.35 Film: Surviving Summer. (2009) **2.00** This is BBC Two. **5.50** Film: The Saint in New York. (1938)

ITV

6.00 CITV: Dino Dan. **6.10** Dino Dan. (R) **6.25** Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) **6.50** Animals. (R) **7.00** Animals. (R) **7.05** Sooty. (R) **7.20** Digimon Fusion. (R) **7.45** Horrid Henry. (R) **8.00** Adventure Time. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** Film: The Hungry Sailors. (R) **10.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.25** ITV News: Weather. **11.35** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **12.30** The Unforgettable Norman Wisdom. (R) **1.00** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **1.45** A Touch of Frost. (R) **3.45** Film: Peter Pan. (2003) **5.50** Regional Programme: Weather.

6.00 ITV News: Weather.

6.15 Let Me Entertain You. Michael Underwood presents clips of secret performers showing off at work, visitors Sing for Their Supper at Madame Tussauds and viewers offer their own renditions of Poker Face.

6.45 New You've Been Framed! Harry Hill puts his own spin on a selection of clips filmed by viewers, featuring spanning rituals in Essex and the painful reason why One Direction no longer buy pizza bread.

7.15 Britain's Got Talent. Ant and Dec host the fourth audition show, as Simon Cowell, David Walliams, Amanda Holden and Alesha Dixon give their verdicts on more of the nation's best – and worst – performers.

8.30 Amazing Greys. Young contestants take on old pros, including cyclist Derek Stewart, Olympic gold medalist Mary Peters and veteran DJ David Hamilton. Paddy McGuinness and Angela Ripston host.

9.35 Prey. A detective is wrongly accused of the murders of his wife and son and goes on the run in an attempt to clear his name. Thriller, starring John Simm. (R)

10.30 The Americans. Philip and Elizabeth face painful developments in their missions, while Stan tries to gain access to an American military programme that could give him the upper hand against Oleg.

11.30 ITV News: Weather.

11.45 Through the Keyhole. Keith Lemon visits three mystery homes and challenges this week's panel – Simon Gregson, Mollie King and Dave Berry – to guess the identities of the occupants. Last in the series. (R)

12.40 Jackpot247. **3.00** Dinner Date: Australia. (R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.05 The Hoobs. (R) **6.30** Trans World Sport. **7.30** FIM Superbike World Championship. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** Weekend Kitchen. **10.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.50** How I Met Your Mother. **11.20** How I Met Your Mother. **11.45** The Simpsons. (R) **12.15** The Simpsons. (R) **12.45** Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. (R) **1.40** Channel 4 Racing. Including the 2,000 Guineas at 3.50. **4.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.40** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.40** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.15** Come Dine with Me. Rebecca Ryan hosts the final dinner party in York, throwing a Hollywood-themed evening of glitz and glamour before the winner is announced. (R)

6.40 Channel 4 News.

7.05 For the Love of Cars. Life on Mars star Philip Glenister and renowned car designer Ant Anstead scour barns and lock-ups across the nation on a mission to restore six classic British motors. (R)

8.00 Grand Designs. Kevin McCloud follows a project to renovate and extend a classic 1920s cinema in Thorne, South Yorkshire. With little knowledge of restoration, Gwyn and Kate boldly set about turning the dilapidated building into a family home using masses of concrete after taking advice from an architect friend. The couple are hoping to create a hydraulic glass wall that opens up one side of the house to form a UV-filtered canopy, and there are also plans for a white roof extension that resembles a diving board. (R)

9.00 Film: Green Zone. (2010) A military officer is sent to Iraq after the downfall of Saddam Hussein on a mission to find the weapons of mass destruction that were used to justify the invasion – only to be warned by a CIA agent that no such devices exist. As he continues his fruitless search, he discovers evidence of a political conspiracy. Paul Greengrass' thriller, starring Matt Damon.

11.10 Film: Escape from Alcatraz. (1979) A convict tries to break out of the notorious high-security island prison, a feat previously thought impossible. Fast-based drama, starring Clint Eastwood.

1.15 Tim Minchin and the Heritage Orchestra. (R) **2.45** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.50** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.45** Kirstie's Vintage Gems. (R) **6.50** The Hoobs. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Access. **10.05** The Dog Rescuers. (R) **10.30** Beware! Cowboy Builders. (R) **11.30** World's Busiest Border Crossing. (R) **12.30** Film: Greystoke: The Legend of Tarzan, Lord of the Apes. (1984) Drama, starring Christopher Lambert. **3.05** Film: Sands of the Kalahari. (1965) Survival drama, starring Stanley Baker. **5.05** Film: The Vikings. (1958) Historical adventure, starring Kirk Douglas and Tony Curtis.

7.10 5 News Weekend.

7.15 Longmire. A convicted murderer released early from jail is found murdered to death by a bear in the woods and Walt has to open a murder investigation when the man is discovered to have been sedated and baited with steak. Meanwhile, Branch has to deal with his gun-toting uncle causing trouble at his retirement home. Guest starring Peter Weller (RoboCop, 24), who also directed the episode.

8.00 NCIS. The bodies of two dishonourably discharged officers are found on board a boat belonging to Gibbs, and inquiries cast suspicion on his mentor, retired agent Mike Franks.

The case proves to have wider implications – and the team finds itself battling to prevent an international confrontation. Starring Mark Harmon, David McCallum, Cote de Pablo, Michael Weatherly and Pauley Perrette. (R)

9.00 NCIS. The team delves into Vance's troubled past in a desperate effort to trap a vengeful female assassin named Lee Wuan Kai. Although she is determined to strike back at him by targeting his family, it gradually transpires that there is another deeper motive for her crimes. Crime drama, guest starring Kelly Hu, with Mark Harmon, Rocky Carroll and Pauley Perrette. (R)

10.00 Film: The Bone Collector. (1999) A quadriplegic ex-cop helps a rookie officer hunt for a serial killer who takes gruesome trophies from his victims' bodies. Thriller, starring Denzel Washington and Angelina Jolie.

12.15 SuperCasino. **3.10** World's Busiest Border Crossing. (R) **4.00** Wildlife SOS. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.10** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Doctor Who **8.40** Top Gear **9.40** Live at the Apollo **10.25** Russell Howard's Good News **11.00** Family Guy **12.50** American Dad! **1.35** Orphan Black **2.20** Sweat the Small Stuff **2.30** Russell Howard's Good News **3.20** Impractical Jokers **3.50** Great TV Mistakes **4.00** Close

BBC Four
7.00 Britain's Natural World **8.00** Byzantium: A Tale of Three Cities **9.00** Film: Blackfish (2013) **10.20** Killer Whales: Beneath the Surface – Natural World **11.10** Neil Sedaka: King of Song **12.20** Neil Sedaka Says: All You Need Is the Music **1.05** Top of the Pops: 1979 **1.40** Byzantium: A Tale of Three Cities **2.45** Britain's Natural World **3.45** Close

ITV2
11.05 Tom Daley Goes Global **12.05** Britain's Got Talent **1.25** Britain's Got More Talent **2.30** Pixie Lott: The Hot Desk **2.40** Film: The Perfect Man (2005) **4.40** You've Been Framed! Kids Special **5.45** Film: Star Wars: Episode I – The Phantom Menace (1999) **8.30** Britain's Got More Talent **9.35** You've Been Framed! **10.05** Celebrity Juice **10.50** Crazy Beaches **11.20** Britain's Got Talent **12.35** Britain's Got More Talent **1.40** Viral Tap **2.15** Dads **2.40** Teleshopping **5.40** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3
11.05 The Darling Buds of May **1.20** Film: The Baby and the Bathstep (1956) **3.10** Agatha Christie's Marple **5.15** Foyle's War **7.30** Rosemary & Thyme **8.35** Doc Martin **9.35** Martin Clunes & a Lion Called Mugsy **10.40** Film: The Life of David Gale (2003) **1.15** Murder, She Wrote **2.10** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4
11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Mumbai Indians v Kings XI Punjab and Delhi Daredevils v Rajasthan Royals. **8.00** Ali: Still the Greatest **10.00** Film: Air America (1990) **12.15** Film: Payback (1999) **2.20** Benidorm **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping **3.30** The Store **5.00** Teleshopping

E4
11.00 The Mindy Project **11.30** Rules of Engagement **12.00** How I Met Your Mother **3.00** The Big Bang Theory **4.00** Made in Chelsea **5.00** How I Met Your Mother **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** How I Met Your Mother **8.00** The Tomorrow People **9.00** Film: Predators (2010) **11.10** The Big Bang Theory **12.05** Rude Tube: Rude Zoo **1.10** The Inbetweeners **2.15** 2 Broke Girls **3.05** Youngers **3.55** Made in Chelsea **4.50** Ugly Betty **5.00** Teleshopping

11.00 Treasure Island (1972) **1.00** The Perfect Catch (2005) **3.05** The Brady Bunch Movie (1995) **4.50** The Spiderwick Chronicles (2008) **6.40** A Good Year (2008) **9.00** Hot Tub Time Machine (2010) **10.55** District 9 (2009) **1.00** Black Snake Moan (2006) **3.25** Close

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CHOICE



Philip Glenister

For the Love of Cars (Channel 4, 8pm)

All too often, when actors ditch fiction in favour of factual roles, it can end up feeling somewhat awkward – especially if the thesp in question has little knowledge of or enthusiasm for their chosen subject. However, Philip Glenister seems the natural choice to co-present this tempting documentary, alongside renowned car designer Ant Anstead. The six-part series follows the pair as they scour barns and lock-ups across the nation on a mission to restore six classic British motors to their former glory, beginning as Ant tracks down a Triumph Stag in a scrapyard, and sets about giving it a new lease of life.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 7.35 Match of the Day. (R) **9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 The Big Questions. 11.00 Sunday Politics. 12.15 MOTD2 Extra.** With Mark Chapman and the Match of the Day team. **1.00 BBC News: Weather. 1.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 2.15 Flop. (R) 3.00 Escape to the Country. (R) 3.45 Monkey Planet. (R) 4.45 Points of View. 5.00 Songs of Praise. 5.45 Pointless Celebrities. (R)**

6.35 BBC News: Regional News; Weather.

7.00 Countryfile. Ellie Harrison explores hills and mountains, including one that is up for sale, and presents archive items on a similar theme, including the challenges of farming on a slope. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce and the experts pay a second visit to the Royal Marines Museum in Southsea, near Portsmouth, where members of the public bring along their treasured antiques and collectibles. Items include a Jolly Roger flag flown by the crew of a British submarine during the Second World War, a wine glass that's at the centre of a domestic dispute and a creepy-looking doll.

9.00 The Crimson Field. Grace is threatened by Major Ballard, the aggressively rude and war-scarred commander of a Sikh regiment who would rather be with his men than at rest on the wards. She eventually manages to calm him with her knowledge of India but as she tries to discover what has made him so angry, the arrival of another young soldier sets him off again. Can she get to the bottom of her patient's temper? As Joan waits for news from her fiancé, Jaco calls her to an illicit meeting, sparking a series of events which draw her into danger, and Flora decides the volunteers should put on some entertainment to raise spirits – but as the pressure mounts, so do her nerves.

10.00 BBC News: Regional News.

10.25 Have I Got a Bit More News for You. Jack Dee presents this extended edition of Friday's show, in which Ian Hislop and Paul Merton are joined by comedienne Bridget Christie.

11.10 Knife Crime ER: Reggie Yates' Extreme South Africa. Reggie spends a week in one of Cape Town's most impoverished regions. **12.05 Weatherwise. 12.10 BBC News.**

BBC2

5.50 The Saint in New York. 6.55 Film: None But the Lonely Heart. (1944) Drama, starring Cary Grant. **8.45 Countryfile. (R) 9.45 The Beechgrove Garden. 10.15 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 11.45 Spring Kitchen with Tom Kerridge. 12.30 Spring Kitchen with Tom Kerridge. (R) 1.15 Spring Kitchen with Tom Kerridge. (R) 2.00 Live Snooker:** The World Championship. Hazel Irvine presents coverage of the opening session of the final at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, where the first eight frames of the match are scheduled to take place. Subsequent programmes subject to change.

6.00 Australia with Simon Reeve. The adventurer begins a journey across the country, discovering how the camel is threatening the fragile desert ecosystem in the heart of Australia. (R)

7.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship. Hazel Irvine presents all the action from the second session of the final at Sheffield's Crucible Theatre, where a further nine frames are scheduled to take place. The second session of last year's final took on a similar pattern to the first, with Ronnie O'Sullivan winning five frames to move into a 10-7 lead heading into the final day against Barry Hawkins. The commentary team features five former world champions in Dennis Taylor, Steve Davis, John Parrott, Ken Doherty and Stephen Hendry.

11.00 QI XL. Stephen Fry hosts an extended version of the quiz.

11.45 Film: In Our Name. (2010) Premiere. A British soldier is haunted by her experiences in Iraq, and becomes increasingly paranoid about her daughter's safety. Drama, starring Joanne Froggatt and Mel Raido.

1.15 Film: The Big White. (2005) A cash-strapped travel agent plans to get rich by passing off a corpse as his missing brother and claiming the life insurance. Black comedy, with Robin Williams and Holly Hunter. **2.50 Sign Zone: Countryfile.** Matt Baker and Ellie Harrison celebrate icons of the Yorkshire Dales, visiting Bolton Abbey, meeting a Harrogate cycling club and searching for Whitley jet. (R) **3.50 Hobby City. Rat and Amy** come under further strain when their IVF dreams suffer another setback. Jac struggles to cope with her manipulative mother and Zosia treats a man she recently dated. (R) **4.50 This Is BBC Two.** Preview of upcoming programmes from BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Dino Dan. 6.10 Dino Dan. (R) 6.25 Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) 6.50 Canimals. (R) 7.00 Canimals. (R) 7.05 Sooty. (R) 7.20 Digimon Fusion. (R) 7.45 Horrid Henry. (R) 8.00 Big Time Rush. (R) 8.25 ITV News. 8.30 Weekend. 9.25 May the Best House Win. (R) **10.25 Film: Columbo Cries Wolf. (1990) **12.25 ITV News: Weather. 12.30 Big Star's Little Star. (R) 1.35 You've Been Framed! (R) 2.05 Britain's Got Talent. (R) 3.20 Let Me Entertain You. (R) 3.50 Film: Licence to Kill.** (1989) Spy thriller, starring Timothy Dalton.**

6.20 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.30 ITV News: Weather.

6.45 Catchphrase. Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show in which three contestants guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues, before one of them plays to win £50,000.

7.30 Oh Their Rockers. Seb takes a shower in an unexpected place, Rosie and Mary try out an unusual selling technique and Sonia gets in trouble with the law again. Hidden-camera comedy.

8.00 Vera. The detective is called in when David Kenworthy, the son of a prominent local family, is found murdered on the beach at Whitley Bay. A witness spotted arcade owner Larry Crowe arguing with David on the night of the killing, and a search of the suspect's property uncovers a bloodied baseball bat. However, Larry has a cast-iron alibi and it's clear he wasn't the only person the victim met that night. A second death then leaves Vera facing mounting pressure to crack the case, and struggling to answer the question of why David was drawn to the seafloor on the evening of his father's retirement.

10.00 Perspectives – The Man in the Hat: Rene Magritte with Will Young. A fan of Rene Magritte since the age of 15, singer and actor Will Young travels to the surrealist artist's native Belgium to explore his life, work and legacy.

11.00 ITV News: Weather.

11.15 Premiership Rugby Union. Highlights of the latest top-flight fixtures, featuring Bath v Northampton Saints, Exeter Chiefs v Harlequins and Sale Sharks v Leicester Tigers.

12.15 The Store. 2.45 Motorsport UK. 3.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) 4.20 ITV Nightscreen. 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.15 British GT. 6.40 How I Met Your Mother. 7.05 How I Met Your Mother. 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.25 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Frasier. (R) 9.30 Saturday Night. 12.35 Secret Eaters. (R) 1.40 Channel 4 Racing. Including the 1,000 Guineas at 3.50. **4.10 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 5.05 The Simpsons. (R) 5.35 Deal or No Deal.**

3.30 Channel 4 News.

6.30 Bear's Wild Weekend with Stephen Fry. Bear Grylls takes the actor, writer and QI host on an expedition to one of the most spectacular mountain ranges in Europe. Over the course of two days high in the Italian Dolomites, the survival expert pushes Fry to his limits with a series of challenges – travelling on the skids of a helicopter, descending a terrifying 500ft waterfall, sleeping in a First World War trench and abseiling down a towering cliff face. (R)

8.00 For the Love of Cars. Ant Anstead tracks down a 1930s Jaguar Stag in a scrapyard and sets about restoring it to its former glory, while Philip Glenister meets members of the Stag owners' club in an attempt to understand whether the vehicle's reputation for unreliability is fair. From a European road trip with comedian and motoring journalist Alexei Sayle, to pitting the classic car against the Jaguar E-Type in a battle of the best-sounding engines, Philip and Ant come to a surprising conclusion about the Stag.

9.00 Fargo. Malvo does the unexpected in the blackmail operation, Molly sets a trap, Gus debates whether he should come clean and Lester's return to work has complicated repercussions.

10.00 Film: Underworld: Awakening. (2012) Premiere. Vampire Selene awakes from cryonic suspension to battle mutant werewolves and a human plot to annihilate the undead. Action fantasy, with Kate Beckinsale and India Eisley.

11.45 Film: Babel. (2006) An American couple's holiday in Morocco sparks an international crisis when one of them is accidentally shot. Drama, starring Brad Pitt, Cate Blanchett and Gael Garcia Bernal.

2.15 Southland. 3.05 The Hotel. (R) 4.00 SuperScrimpers' Challenge. (R) 4.55 Kirstie's Handmade Treasures. (R) 5.15 Deal or No Deal. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 6.15 Fifi and the Flowerpots. (R) 6.25 Bubble Guppies. (R) 6.40 The Mr Men Show. (R) 6.50 Chloe's Closet. 7.05 Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) 7.10 Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) 7.25 Make Way for Maddy. (R) 7.35 Milkshake! Monkey. (R) 7.40 City of Friends. (R) 7.50 Milkshake! Pop Box. (R) 7.55 Little Princess. (R) 8.10 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) 8.20 Milkshake! Pop Box. (R) 8.25 Angelina Ballerina. (R) 8.45 Rupert Bear. (R) 9.00 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) 9.15 Jelly Jamm. (R) 9.30 LazyTown. (R) 10.00 Power Rangers Super Samurai. (R) 10.35 Power Rangers Megaforce. (R) 11.10 Access. (R) 11.15 The Dog Rescuers. (R) 11.45 Secret History of UFOs. (R) 12.40 Aliens: Are We Alone? (R) **1.45 Film: Thunderbirds. (2004) Sci-fi adventure, starring Bill Paxton. **3.25 Film: Open Season.** (2006) Animated comedy, with the voice of Martin Lawrence. **5.00 Film: Mulan.** (1998) Disney animated adventure, with the voices of Ming-Na and Eddie Murphy.**

6.40 5 News Weekend.

6.45 Film: Stargate. (1994) An Egyptologist and a soldier head an expedition through a mysterious portal to an alien planet. The world they find resembles ancient Egypt and is under the rule of a tyrant who has convinced the downtrodden inhabitants that he is a god – until the humans incite the enslaved populace to fight back. Sci-fi adventure, starring Kurt Russell, James Spader and Jaye Davidson.

9.00 Film: War of the Worlds. (2005) A divorced father tries to protect his two children as alien war machines start to wipe out the human race. Steven Spielberg's sci-fi thriller, with Tom Cruise and Dakota Fanning.

11.10 Film: Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story. (2004) The struggling owner of a run-down gym tries to save his business by forming a team for the US dodgeball championships. Sporting comedy, starring Ben Stiller and Vince Vaughn.

1.00 SuperCasino. 3.10 Booze: Bust-Ups & Brothels: Soho Blues. (R) 4.00 Wildlife SOS. (R) 4.25 Make It Big. (R) 4.50 The Funky Valley Show. (R) 5.00 Angels of Jarm. (R) 5.05 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 5.20 Angels of Jarm. (R) 5.25 The Funky Valley Show. (R) 5.40 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Top Gear 7.50 Film: Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (2003) **10.00 In the Flesh 11.00 Family Guy 11.45 Jamie: Private School Girl 12.45 In the Flesh 1.40 Sweet the Small Stuff 2.10 Impractical Jokers 2.40 Bamboo 3.00 In the Flesh 4.00 Close**

BBC Four

7.00 The Rabbits of Skomer 7.10 Film: In Which We Serve (1942) **9.00 Easter Island: Mysteries of a Lost World 10.30 The Wonder of Bees with Martha Kearney 11.00 Frank Sinatra: The Voice of the Century – Arena Special 12.35 Sings the Great American Songbook 1.35 Top of the Pops: The Story of 1978 2.25 Easter Island: Mysteries of a Lost World 3.55 Close**

ITV2

12.05 You've Been Framed! 12.35 Film: Beethoven (1991) **2.20 Funniest Ever You've Been Framed! 3.20 You've Been Framed! 4.20 Britain's Got Talent 5.45 Britain's Got More Talent 6.45 You've Been Framed! 7.15 Film:** Star Wars: Episode I – Attack of the Clones (2002) **10.00 Viral Tap 10.50 Film: White Chicks (2004) 1.05 Viral Tap 1.45 Mon 2.10 The Vampire Diaries 2.55 Teleshopping 5.55 ITV2 Nightscreen**

ITV3

11.20 The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes 12.25 Agatha Christie's Marple 2.35 Rosemary & Thyme 3.40 Goodbye Mr Chips 5.40 Inspector Morse 8.00 The Zoo 9.00 Birds of a Feather 9.30 Vicious 10.00 Film: Intolerable Cruelty (2003) **12.10 Cracker 1.15 Agatha Christie's Marple 2.50 Judge Judy 3.10 ITV3 Nightscreen 3.40 Emmerdale**

ITV4

11.00 Live British Touring Car Championship Round three from Thruxton. 6.30 BRDC Formula 4 Championship Highlights 7.30 Storage Wars 8.00 Premiership Rugby Union 9.00 Indian Premier League Cricket 10.00 Film: Senna (2010) 12.15 River Monsters 1.20 Warren United 1.50 Benidorm 2.20 Highway Patrol 2.50 ITV4 Nightscreen 3.00 Teleshopping 3.30 The Store 5.00 Teleshopping

E4

12.35 Made in Chelsea 1.35 Revenge 2.35 The Big Bang Theory 3.30 How I Met Your Mother 5.00 The Tomorrow People 6.00 Brooklyn Nine-Nine 6.30 The Big Bang Theory 8.00 Film: Bride Wars (2009) 10.00 The Inbetweeners 11.05 Rude Tube: Rude Zoo 12.10 How I Met Your Mother 1.05 Rules of Engagement 2.00 2 Broke Girls 2.25 The Ricky Gervais Show 3.20 Hollyoaks

Film4

11.00 Titanic (1953) 1.00 10 Things I Hate About You (1999) 2.55 Big Fish (2003) 5.20 From Up on Poppy Hill (2011) 7.10 Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer (2007) 9.00 Star Trek (2009) 11.25 House of Flying Daggers (2004) 1.45 Far North (2007) 3.40 Close

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MONDAY

National Treasure, BBC1, 3.45pm

An intrepid treasure-hunter follows a series of ingenious clues in a perilous quest to track down a war chest hidden by America's founding fathers generations before. He has to contend with determined rivals in the shape of a treacherous associate and the FBI. Action adventure, starring Nicolas Cage, Diane Kruger, Sean Bean and Justin Bartha. (2004)

TUESDAY

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire, ITV, 7.30pm

The adolescent wizard is unexpectedly chosen to represent Hogwarts School in a prestigious magical tournament, despite being legally too young to enter. He joins champions of three magical academies to face deadly monsters in a series of challenges. Meanwhile, the followers of the dreaded Lord Voldemort plot to restore their master to the land of the living. Fourth instalment of the fantasy saga, starring Daniel Radcliffe, Robbie Coltrane, Ralph Fiennes, Michael Gambon, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Brendan Gleeson and Robert Pattinson. (2005)



National Treasure, Monday, BBC1, 3.45pm

WEDNESDAY

The Boat That Rocked, ITV, 10.35pm

A host of eclectic DJs entertain 1960s Britain through a pirate radio station, broadcasting from a vessel in the North Sea. However, a high-ranking government official is determined to bring an end to the rogue outfit and the individuals responsible for its continued existence. Richard Curtis's comedy, starring Bill Nighy, Rhys Ifans, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Kenneth Branagh and Nick Frost. (2009)

THURSDAY

Her Husband's Betrayal, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A woman is suspicious of her husband's strange behaviour and starts spying on him. She thinks she has caught him having an affair, only to find the truth is far worse – he has committed a murder and framed her for it, and threatens to kill her son if she does not confess to the crime. Thriller, starring Jacqueline MacInnes Wood and Shawn Roberts. (2013)

FRIDAY

GoldenEye, ITV, 10.35pm

James Bond heads for Russia to investigate the connection between the theft of an experimental helicopter and an orbital satellite weapon with the power to devastate entire cities. He discovers both have fallen into the hands of a mysterious criminal mastermind with a grudge against Britain and a connection with 007's past. Spy adventure, with Pierce Brosnan, Sean Bean, Izabella Scorupco and Famke Janssen. (1995)

Pick of the Week

James lives the dream as duo hit the road

There's a theory that at some point in recent years James Corden and Gary Barlow signed a deal which ensured they would dominate British TV screens for a chunk of the Noughties, and beyond.

Given the former's work on Gavin & Stacey, not to mention his success on stage, there's perhaps little wonder. As for Gary, well he's more ubiquitous than Deirdre Barlow these days, with assorted excellent shows, whether raising money for Comic Relief, visiting the troops in Afghanistan or welcoming in the New Year in a dazzling BBC1 extravaganza.

We didn't really need another show paying tribute to the multi-award winning singer/songwriter, although with an online campaign attempting to get one of his old singles to number one, there is an added degree of topicality. So settle back 'GBArmy' and Cordenites and enjoy their version of The Trip.

No impressions of Ronnie Corbett alas, but we do follow Gary's long

career, from how it began; the Take That phenomenon; the wilderness years, and the darker times which inspired his lyrics.

After a lengthy intro, in which James loads up Gary's Range Rover with random items of baggage, they talk about stag dos and the fact that Barlow has chosen now to make a documentary like this to "close the door on a pretty rubbish time". Of course given the fact he's just performed at a sold out arena tour around the UK, it's easy to forget that a decade ago there seemed little chance of that being possible.

In 2004, Take That were history. Barlow's debut album wasn't the success many had hoped for, and it looked like his days under the spotlight had come and gone.

However, in recent years he's staged a Lazarus-like comeback, scoring a string of chart smashes as the reformed Take That rekindled the interest of their fans, and won over a new generation of followers. Their hugely successful gigs, either as a four piece or with original group

member Robbie Williams, wowed the masses, while Barlow's aforementioned solo shows left his thousands of fans hoarse with delight.

In this show, he and James visit key places in Gary's career, including the Working Men's Club where Barlow learned his craft with 600 or so performances. "I've always felt older, and I've always felt, whether I was in the band or whatever situation I was in, I was the responsible one," Gary tells James. First stop is the studio where Barlow and his band rehearse for the gigs while a starstruck Corden looks on.

Then there's a trip down memory lane as we are treated to clips and photos from Gary's formative years; his impressive rendition of The Way You Make Me Feel, complete with stage kick is priceless. Later, they visit the nightclub where Take That first auditioned, and there are laughs as Gary surprises one of his own fans on their wedding day. Among the contributors are Elton John, Robbie, Gary's mother and members of the Press and music industry.



When Corden Met Barlow, Monday, BBC1, 9pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY

Draw It!

Channel 4, 4.30pm

Remember the 1990s series Win, Lose or Draw, in which two teams comprising of celebrities and ordinary mortals competed in a game that involved one person drawing an object or phrase, and the others guessing what they're attempting to depict? Well, it's back – sort of. Draw It! is certainly along very similar lines, a kind of TV version of Pictionary in which two teams – one headed by Nadia Sawalha, the other by Anton du Beke and both featuring a member of the public – tackle timed drawing challenges. After three rounds, the team with the least points leaves, and the one remaining takes part in a final game that could see them win a bundle, or walk away with nothing. Mel Giedroyc hosts.

The Island with Bear Grylls

Channel 4, 9pm

We may moan about how stressful and demanding it is, but is modern life actually dulling our survival instincts? This new series find out if British men still now how to rough it, as adventurer Bear Grylls takes a group of 13 blokes and essentially abandons them on a remote, uninhabited Pacific island with just the clothes on their backs and a few basic tools. Will they resort to rise to challenge, or will they resort to Lord of the Flies-style savagery, interspersed with bouts of sobbing? Just making it through the first episode is going to be tough, as Bear drops the group of at their new home, where they are forced to battle through dense overgrowth in search of shelter.

TUESDAY

Miller's Mountain

BBC1, 10.40pm

The Beeb has dusted down the Comedy Playhouse format in the hope of finding a gem of an idea worth turning a full series. Last week we were treated to the promising Over to Bill, while this time it's Miller's Mountain, which focuses on the antics of Jimmy Miller and his fellow Mountain Rescue volunteers. Veteran Jimmy takes new volunteer Conor under his wing, introducing him to dog-obsessed Bill, chirpy head of operations Bernie and Jules, the local pub barmaid. All seems to go well until somebody actually needs to be rescued from the nearby mountain... Jimmy Chisholm, Kevin Guthrie and Sharon Rooney head the cast. Will we see it in the future as a series? Only time will tell...

WEDNESDAY

The Supervet

Channel 4, 8pm

You can tell Noel Fitzpatrick is no ordinary animal doctor – for a start, he has two very cool nicknames. According to the title of this new series, he's the Supervet but he's also known as the Bionic Vet – and that's because he runs one of the most advanced practices in Britain. Neil and his team of over a hundred surgeons, nurses, ward attendants and physiotherapists use some of the most cutting-edge treatments available to cure pets from

across the country that might otherwise be considered beyond saving. In this first episode, David, Gill and their son Freddie are pinning their hopes on Noel as their Labrador Scooby battles a life-threatening tumour in his leg.

Billy Connolly's Big Send Off

ITV, 9pm

Death doesn't have to be morbid – just ask Billy Connolly. The stand-up comedian has always been fascinated with how people deal with their own mortality, and in this documentary he's looking at the many different beliefs and rituals that surround it. He explains: "I'm going to strip away the taboos to reveal that far from the doom and gloom you may expect, the world of death is full of wonderful people doing some extraordinary things." It's a journey that begins at the National Funeral Directors Association convention in Texas, where death is big business, and the items up for sale include an eco death-suit threaded with mushroom spores, which helps to turn corpses into compost.



Billy Connolly's Big Send Off, Wednesday, ITV, 9pm

THURSDAY

Posh Pawn

Channel 4, 8pm

Some TV shows naturally lend

themselves to workplace discussion the next day. Not so much Posh Pawn, for fear of being overheard and misunderstood. Dodgy homophones aside, though, this series following high-end pawnbroker James Constantinou is proving endlessly entertaining. This week, a former model named Cathy wants to start her own lingerie business, and so brings in her collection of designer bags and jewellery in the hope of securing a £50,000 loan. Meanwhile, James attracts the wrong kind of attention when he takes a client's Ferrari for a spin, and an inventor decides it's time he parted with his precious watch.

FRIDAY

The Minster

BBC2, 8pm

New documentary series filmed over the course of a year that goes behind the scenes at York Minster, beginning during the busy run-up to Easter as head verger Alex Carberry has to overcome a fear of heights to drape a cloth over a giant crucifix. The cathedral's own police force responds to an emergency call and stonemasons prepare to carve a new version of the mysterious weathered figure at the pinnacle of the east window.

The Trip to Italy

BBC2, 10pm

Steve's son Joe and his assistant Emma join him and Rob on the final leg of their culinary tour of Italy as they take the ferry from Naples to Capri, where they have lunch at Il Riccio. Afterwards, Rob asks Emma for advice about whether he should go back to Lucy.

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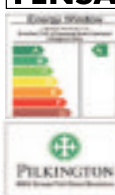
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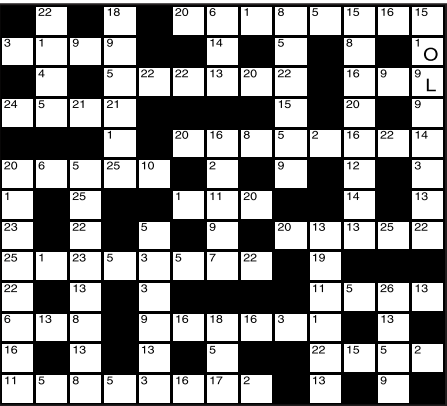
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

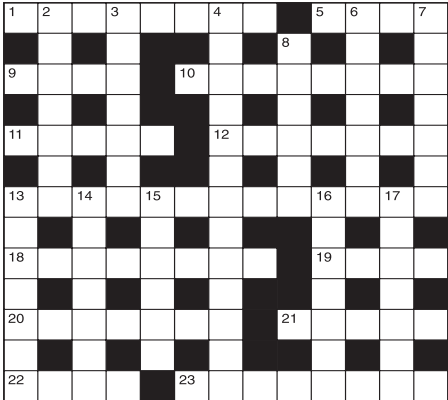
Cryptic Clues:

Across

- Justice characteristic of the Scandinavians (8)
- Very keen to do a turn as a singer (4)
- 50 amp. bulb? (4)
- Lend a car out as something for daily use (8)
- It's sung in pleasantly rich surroundings (5)
- Cow-catchers? (7)
- They figure a great deal in population surveys (13)
- Exit angrily, to destroy (5,3)
- He's on about being present (4)
- Noise or disturbance can be wearing (7)
- There's space to travel in it (5)
- Trifles - child's play really (4)
- Influence of a converted priest, for example (8)

Down

- He studies make-up (7)
- Create a fresh impression (7)
- Hot-looking athlete or climber (7-6)
- Huntress follows in a state (7)
- Stops and takes into custody (7)
- Decimal used in some tricky calculations (6)
- His guilt is a possibility (7)
- Perhaps to many a branch of medicine (7)
- Harm one thousand and two (6)
- People who do so get what's coming to them (7)
- Dealing with someone with a complaint (7)



Quick Clues:

Across

- Vigorous (8)
- Possesses (4)
- Boast (4)
- Sticky (8)
- Rash (5)
- Slumberer (7)
- Some time (6,2,5)
- Check (8)
- Depravity (4)
- Italian wine (7)
- Sag (5)
- Near (4)
- Replied (8)

Down

- Violent wind (7)
- Alleviate (7)
- Ill-health (13)
- Racing dog (7)
- Clipper (7)
- Disclose (6)
- Opponent of the Crusaders (7)
- Ejecting (7)
- Mission (6)
- Unfavourable (7)
- Envelope (7)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Record; 4 Spread; 9 Debt-collector; 10 Calls up; 11 Aired; 12 Light; 14 Relay; 18 Cream; 19 Incense; 21 Cheerfulness; 22 Attest; 23 Beaten. Down: 1 Reduce; 2 Co-belligerent; 3 Races; 5 Prelate; 6 Entertainment; 7 Deride; 8 Slips; 13 Humerus; 15 Acacia; 16 Vices; 17 Reason; 20 Caste. QUICK - Across: 1 Modest; 4 Stable; 9 Miscellaneous; 10 Lingers; 11 Ether; 12 Sever; 14 Users; 18 Strip; 19 Deprive; 21 Entertainment; 22 Desert; 23 Chaste. Down: 1 Mumble; 2 Disintegrates; 3 Sieve; 5 Tenders; 6 Brotherliness; 7 Ensure; 8 Close; 13 Emporer; 15 Ascend; 16 Idea; 17 Settle; 20 Pinch.

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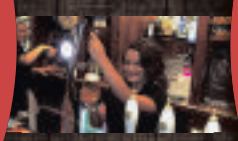
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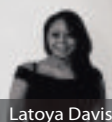
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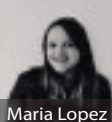
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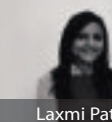
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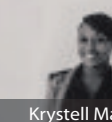
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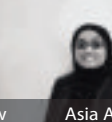
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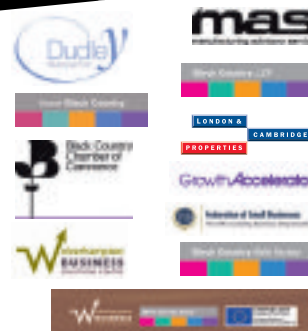
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- Conservatory
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Beaumont Drive, Amblecote, DY5 - £175,000

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George Street, Wordsley, DY8 - £130,000

In a perfect location for schools and amenities, this well presented, traditional terraced home is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. In brief, there is a lounge, dining area, kitchen, bathroom, two double bedrooms, additional loft room and rear garden as well as central heating and double glazing.



Brierley Hill Road, Wordsley, DY8 - £155,000

This very unique, traditional, semi-detached home boasts a wealth of space and has flexible accommodation. It has NO UPWARD CHAIN and in brief, comprises an entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, shower room, ground floor bedroom, three further bedrooms, loft room, bathroom, driveway, courtyard, garage and outbuildings and a lovely rear garden. There is also gas central heating and double glazing.



Hodnet Drive, Pensnett, DY5 - £100,000

Perfect for first time buyers and investors and situated in a pleasant cul-de-sac within close proximity of Russell's Hall Hospital, this very well presented, modern terraced house is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. In brief, there is a lounge, kitchen/diner, conservatory, two double bedrooms, bathroom, rear garden and front driveway as well as brand new uPVC double glazing and gas central heating.



Broadlands Drive, Brierley Hill, DY5 - £132,500

Situated in a quiet cul-de-sac near to Russell's Hall hospital, this family home needs to be seen. In brief, accommodation comprises: An entrance hall, through lounge with dining area, modern fitted kitchen, utility room, downstairs WC, three bedrooms and bathroom with uPVC double glazing and gas central heating. Outside, there is a rear garden, small front garden with block paved driveway and garage.



Church Street, Pensnett, DY5 - £95,000

Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, this well presented, extended semi detached house is well located for access to amenities including Russell's Hall hospital and the Merry Hill centre. Accommodation in brief includes an entrance hall, lounge, dining room, modern fitted kitchen, two bedrooms and modern bathroom with a driveway and rear garden.



Cole Street, Netherton, DY2 - £130,000

This lovely, modern semi-detached home is situated close to Dudley, Brierley Hill and the Merry Hill Centre and would be a great first home or investment. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, accommodation comprises an entrance hall, guest WC, lounge, kitchen/diner, three bedrooms, bathroom, gas central heating and uPVC double glazing with a rear garden and parking facilities to the side and rear of the building.



Bisell Way, Brierley Hill, DY5 - £18,000

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COSELEY



A comparatively SPACIOUS freehold gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed family detached excellently situated at head of short cul de sac upon Redrow Homes now well established development convenient for bus/rail transport routes and other amenities. Excellent accommodation includes reception hall, fitted cloakroom, lounge, dining room (with patio doors to garden) spacious breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units laundry/utility room. Four generous bedrooms (principle bedroom with wardrobes and shower room en suite and bedroom two with fitted wardrobes) garage level gardens. EPC Rating: C. VIEWING SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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The Crucible



COSELEY



A distinctive highly individual three/four bedroom, gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed detached family home of character occupying a prominent corner plot with substantial CONTRACTORS GARAGE and secured parking. Many fine period features remain and the tremendously enhanced accommodation includes entrance porch, imposing reception hall, store, lounge, through dining room, breakfast kitchen with further utility section and separate toilet. Principle bedroom with intercommunicating bedroom three and two further bedrooms, bathroom, delightful excellently tended gardens, established caravan parking area, garage (21'4 x 16'4"). EPC Rating T.B.C. VIEWING SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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Gough Road



GORNAL WOOD



An attractive, tremendously enhanced, improved & conscientiously maintained, freehold, gas centrally heated (recent combi boiler) & uPVC double glazed detached family home with ample parking. Occupying a fine corner plot on periphery of village with tremendous views, the accommodation includes reception hall, reappointed cloakroom, transverse lounge with bay, separate dining room with patio doors, store, recently refitted kitchen with range of maple effect finish units and various integrated appliances. FOUR BEDROOMS (principal bedroom with shower room en suite & two with wardrobes), reappointed bathroom with contemporary white suite, garage, delightful gardenS. EPC Rating T.B.C. VIEWING SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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Summit Place



DUDLEY



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Gervase Drive



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SEDGLEY, Northway



St Brides Close

Envisably situated at head of short/quiet cul de sac with good distant views and EXTENDED gas centrally heated, primarily uPVC double glazed with further potential. Accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, dining with room with bay, pantry extended 18'4" lounge, extended 14'3" x 11'4" breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units, outer lobby, fitted cloakroom. Three generous bedrooms (possibility of enlarging third bedroom into eaves) upgraded/re-tiled shower room (former bathroom) garage, block paved driveway delightful garden. EPC Rating: C. VIEWING SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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Dormston Drive

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DUDLEY



The Broadway

A highly individual FREEHOLD gas centrally heated, combi boiler, and double glazed (as seen) detached popular convenient district. The redecorated and refreshed accommodation includes entrance vestibule, reception hall, 22'4" through living/dining room, upgraded kitchen. Three GENEROUS BEDROOMS, reappointed/re tiled bathroom with white suite, reappointed separate toilet, garage, garden EPC Rating T.B.C. VIEWING SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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Brynmaur Road

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SEDGLEY, off Mill Bank



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Wordsley



Church Road

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Wordsley



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This DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS, Victorian style, double glazed (vast majority of units being uPVC), gas centrally heated, two bedroom mid terrace is conveniently situated for local amenities, and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation briefly comprises: lounge, dining room, RE-FITTED KITCHEN, guest w.c. / utility, TWO EXCELLENT DOUBLE BEDROOMS, larger than average bathroom with white suite, and a level rear garden. EPC Rating E. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

£89,950

NETHERTON



Windmill End

Appealing to the first time buyer is this beautifully presented and vastly improved one bedroomed first floor apartment which simply must be viewed. With gas central heating, double glazing and modern décor, the accommodation comprises: landing, large lounge, well fitted modern kitchen, white bathroom suite, large bedroom, communal gardens, and parking area. View early to avoid disappointment. EPC Rating C. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£69,950

COSELEY



Horace Street, Hurst Hill

This well presented, gas centrally heated one bedroom second floor flat is available with no upward chain and may represent an ideal first time buy. Accommodation briefly comprises: secure communal entrance and stairs, private hall, lounge, kitchen, double bedroom, bathroom with white suite and communal grounds. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £52,950

LOWER GORNAL



Deepdale Lane

An imaginatively extended, highly individual, and comparatively spacious, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached bungalow with PANORAMIC DISTANT views from the rear set in favoured district. The property has been "transformed" by present vendors over the years, and provides reception hall, "snug"/sitting room, magnificent 21'3" x 16' through lounge with patio doors out to a BALCONY, refitted kitchen, dining room (former bedroom). Two bedrooms, reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite. There are steps down to a useful BASEMENT providing utility room, separate toilet & extensive storage. Large double garage, delightful gardens abutting on to school grounds. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £227,500

DUDLEY



Paganel Drive

EXTENDED with "GRANNY SUITE": A particularly spacious, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed detached that has been significantly modernised over the years carefully retaining a number of period features set in highly favoured district. Superb accommodation includes: glazed porch, reception hall, understairs pantry/cloaks, dining room with bay, lounge (with double opening French doors out to garden), extended 18'1" breakfast kitchen, with W&A units, outer lobby/wet/dry room room, fourth bedroom. To the first floor, a central landing, and three generous bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with a white contemporary suite with chrome detailing and a shower. Large GARAGE/WORK SHOP, lengthy secluded rear garden with sun patio. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £239,950

DUDLEY



Himley Avenue

MAGNIFICENT LARGE GARDEN (with associated distant views). A spacious, EXTENDED, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached with further potential in quiet cul-de-sac. Accommodation provides: entrance vestibule, central reception hall, store, transverse 20'2" lounge, extended 21' dining room, extended 21' breakfast kitchen. Four generous bedrooms, enlarged bathroom. Car port, garage. Exceptionally lengthy garden with workshop, sheds, and a garden room, and a wide range of established shrubs & plants - PERSONAL INSPECTION VITAL FOR TOTAL APPRECIATION. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £215,000

QUARRY BANK



Coppice Lane

This modern style, extended, uPVC Double Glazed, Gas Centrally Heated, FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED family home provides versatile living space, and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. The spacious property briefly comprises: Entrance Porch, Lounge, splendid re-fitted Kitchen with a fine range of units / integrated appliances, L-shaped Dining / Sitting Room, Guest WC, FOUR GOOD BEDROOMS (with En-Suite to Master), Re-fitted Bathroom with white suite, Garage, driveway and Rear Garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£214,950

LOWER GORNAL



Burns Grove, Straits

Enviably situated in short/quiet cul-de-sac within reasonable walking distance of day-to-day shops, Post Office, country park etc., a gas centrally heated, part double glazed detached bungalow with potential. Accommodation includes: enlarged reception hall, cloaks cupboard, lounge, breakfast kitchen, THREE BEDROOMS, bathroom, Garage, gardens. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £189,950

LOWER GORNAL



Summer Lane

Representing a truly rare opportunity, this Victorian style, double glazed (vast majority of majority of units), gas centrally heated and terrace with LARGE ATTACHED WORKSHOPS occupies a generous plot & lends itself to further development/ potential commercial premises (subject to planning permission). Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, the property briefly comprises lounge, sitting room, dining room, kitchen, bathroom, two first floor double bedrooms. Outside: two large workshops (one with inspection pit), attached office, lengthy driveway, garden area. EPC Rating: E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £159,950

SEDGLEY



Turfs Street

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A gas centrally heated (combi boiler) uPVC double glazed detached excellently situated within walking distance of Sedgley's Bullring. Accommodation comprises porch, hall, fitted cloakroom, upgraded kitchen, spacious lounge/dining room, large uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, 2 bedrooms (originally 3 bedrooms), bathroom with white suite. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £157,950

SEDGLEY



South View Road, Northway

An attractive, significantly EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated (recent boiler) & either uPVC or aluminium double glazed semi detached with TREMENDOUS DISTANT VIEWS in favoured/convenient district. Accommodation includes entrance porch, enlarged reception hall, 24'6" through living/dining room, extended L-shape 'cottage style' breakfast kitchen, rear lobby. Three bedrooms, bathroom, large garage with 'mezzanine' - style decking providing extensive storage. Block paved drive, secluded rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £155,000

COSELEY



Kenelm Road

ABSOLUTELY STUNNING! A comprehensively modernised, significantly EXTENDED, gas centrally heated & mostly uPVC double glazed semi detached in magnificent order throughout. The first quality accommodation includes: reception hall, store, sitting room with bay, tremendous 22'7" x 16'6" "hub of the house" dining kitchen with large double glazed "clear storey-sky/light" and an extensive range of units (wood burning stove), utility room, lengthy office (with sky lights), and a shower room. Three bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with a white suite. Boarded/plastered roof space with sky light. Off road parking, substantial secure brick store, and a delightful sheltered well cultivated rear garden. EPC Rating T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £155,000

WOODSETTON



Parkes Lane

An EXTENDED, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached set in quiet "backwater" being close to so many amenities. Consistently maintained accommodation includes: entrance hallway, lounge, extended dining room, extended 'L' shape breakfast kitchen. Three bedrooms, upgraded bathroom. Garage (presently sub-divided to form a store, and a further utility room with toilet off). Low maintenance gardens, and tremendous DISTANT VIEWS from the rear. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £151,950

DUDLEY



Northgate Close

A COMPARATIVELY SPACIOUS, particularly stylish, FOUR BEDROOM, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated intermediate townhouse in short cul de sac constructed by David Wilson Homeformer (Showhome) circa 2005 & covered by balance of NHBC guarantee. Personal inspection vital to appreciate quality/flexibility of the accommodation. To the ground, 16'5" reception hall, fitted cloakroom, store, fourth bedroom & a utility room. To the first floor, L-shape lounge/dining room & a 'hub of the house' breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units & various integrated appliances. To the second floor, three generous bedrooms (principal bedroom with shower room en suite) & house bathroom with white suite, GARAGE, garden with patio. DISTANT VIEWS. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £151,000

PENSNETT



Commonsides

This traditional style, well proportioned, uPVC Double Glazed (vast majority of units), Gas Centrally Heated, THREE BEDROOM Semi-Detached Home enjoys views over 'Fens Pool' to rear, and is well worthy of internal inspection. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge with Bay, extended Sitting Room, extended Dining Kitchen, Guest WC, THREE BEDROOMS (Master with a range of fitted wardrobes), Bathroom with corner suite / separate Shower Cubicle, Garage, Driveway and a pleasant Rear Garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£139,950

COSELEY



Mason Street

A highly individual, PARTICULARLY SPACIOUS, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed detached of character (believed to be one of the oldest houses in the neighbourhood) offering tremendous further potential. Accommodation includes: imposing reception hall (18' deep), fitted cloakroom, spacious 21'6" lounge, 21' dining kitchen with uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY beyond, FOUR BEDROOMS, separate toilet, bathroom. Potential car port space, sheltered rear garden. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £149,950 NOW £139,950

COSELEY



The Paddock

Realistically priced, Freehold, gas radiator centrally heated & mostly uPVC double glazed detached excellently situated in favoured district with views over cricket ground. The accommodation has significant potential, and comprises: enlarged entrance vestibule, reception hall, lounge, breakfast kitchen. Three generous bedrooms, bathroom. Garage, secluded rear garden. EPC Rating: E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £139,950

SEDGLEY



Bath Street

An EXTENDED, modernised & improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached conveniently situated within walking distance of so many amenities. The accommodation includes recessed porch, reception hall, store, dining room with bay, lounge with double opening doors out to the decking, extended refitted kitchen with an extensive range of units & many integrated appliances, three bedrooms, bathroom, garage, sheltered rear garden. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £137,950 NOW £133,950

COSELEY



Rock Road, Hurst Hill

Delightful exceptionally well appointed and meticulously maintained FREEHOLD gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed traditional terrace ENVIABLY situated in quiet backwater overlooking allotments with associated distance views. Superb accommodation includes entrance vestibule, sitting room, under stairs store, dining room, rear lobby, refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'beech effect' units, laundry and uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY beyond. Two double bedrooms, upgraded bathroom with many period features & shower cubicle. Sheltered/secluded and well tended garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £124,950

LANESFIELD



Dresden Close

NO UPWARD CHAIN. IDEAL FAMILY HOME which has been conscientiously maintained, gas centrally heated & double glazed semi detached in short cul de sac and convenient for shops, school & local amenities. The property may be of particular interest to first time buyers, and briefly comprises: Entrance hallway, lounge, dining room with patio doors through to the CONSERVATORY beyond, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, off road parking (kerb dropped) & secluded/sheltered rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £114,950

LOWER GORNAL



Park Road

An conscientiously maintained, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached in popular/convenient neighbourhood. Accommodation includes: reception hall, store, lounge, upgraded kitchen with a fine range of units & various integrated appliances, dining room. Three generous bedrooms, bathroom. Rare advantage of substantial GARAGE. Gardens. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £109,950

DUDLEY



Myrtle Road

SUBSTANTIAL GARAGE TO REAR! With no upward chain a significantly improved freehold, gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed and 'starter home' in established/convenient neighbourhood. Accommodation provides reception hall, shower/wet room, lounge, transverse dining kitchen with a fine range of upgraded units, uPVC part double glazed conservatory, 3 bedrooms, separate toilet, gated driveway to the garage, gardens. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £107,950

LOWER GORNAL



Orchard Grove

A Freehold, gas centrally heated (recent combi boiler), and uPVC double glazed and "starter home" within reasonable distance of the village, and all associated amenities. Offering potential for further improvements, the accommodation comprises: reception hall, lounge, kitchen, dining room (with woodburner), THREE BEDROOMS, bathroom. Gardens. EPC Rating: C.. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £89,950

WOLVERHAMPTON



Sutton Court, Ettingshall Park

A comparatively spacious, conscientiously maintained, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED ground floor flat with rare advantage of GARAGE upon well regarded development particularly convenient for day-to-day amenities & close proximity to The Beacon open space. There is an entrance lobby approach (shared with three other residents) with the flat providing spacious lounge, kitchen, double bedroom (with fitted wardrobes), bathroom with white suite & a separate toilet. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

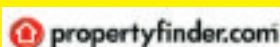
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Dudley Hackett Drive



A beautifully presented modern three bedroom semi detached house. Offering generous accommodation and briefly comprising reception hallway, guest WC, fitted kitchen, lounge, two bedrooms and bathroom on the first floor and a master bedroom with en suite shower room on the second floor. Driveway to front, low maintenance paved and graveled garden to the rear and further parking space.

£139,950

Rowley Regis Springfield Lane



Sold with a tenant in situ, this vendor is looking a QUICK SALE! Briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge/dining room, modern fitted kitchen, family bathroom and off road parking to the rear of the property.

£87,000

DUDLEY Pearce Close



A beautifully presented two bedroom semi detached house. Having newly fitted kitchen and shower room and benefiting from a low maintenance rear garden. Briefly comprising entrance hall, downstairs wc, L-shaped lounge/dining room, kitchen, two double bedrooms, shower room, rear garden and driveway to the front of the property.

£114,950

DUDLEY Hall Street



A brand new one bed apartment. Open plan fitted kitchen/dining/living area, double bedroom, separate shower/WC room. Off road parking, water bills included, freesat TV, laundry facility. Off road parking. No DSS, no pets. EPC-C

£330 + fees

TIVIDALE Alexandra Way



One bedroom ground floor flat. Has open plan lounge & kitchen. Kitchen includes cooker & fridge. Bathroom with electric shower. Double glazing. Unfurnished. Dss considered with guarantor. EPC-D

£375 PCM + Fee's

Bilston Lewis Street



Two bedroom end terrace. Large lounge with central staircase. Fitted kitchen includes cooker. Downstairs bathroom with shower. Two double bedrooms. Enclosed low maintenance rear garden. Unfurnished. Central heating & double glazing. No Dss. Pets considered. Available now. EPC-E

£475 PCM + Fees

Brierley Hill Terrace Street



● REALISTICALLY PRICED ● A beautifully presented and well maintained three bedroom detached house. Briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/dining room, modern fitted bathroom, rear garden and driveway to the front.

£139,995

SWINDON Swin Forge Way



Delightfully located this three bedroom modern style detached occupying a unique canal-side setting at the end of a private drive in a sought after village position and near glorious Staffordshire countryside. Briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, dining room, large fitted kitchen with dining area, conservatory, downstairs wc, ensuite and dressing room to master bedroom, family bathroom. Outside there is a landscaped garden with gated access to the canal, extensive driveway parking and a detached garage.

£325,000

Dudley Attingham Drive



A modern one bedroom freehold house with hallway, open plan lounge and kitchen with french door to balcony, mezzanine floor, shower room and allocated parking space. EPC = C

£86,950

Dudley Harley Grange, Dixons Green



A beautifully presented, one bedroom ground floor apartment with double glazing and central heating. Newly decorated throughout, new kitchen and bathroom. Plenty of storage. Lounge, double bedroom, kitchen, bathroom/WC with shower over the bath. No DSS, no smokers, no pets. Off road parking, available now for long term let. EPC-D

£425 PCM + Fees

TIPTON Ferguson Drive



A modern, two bed apartment with double glazing and electric storage heating, open plan living with fitted kitchen and dining area, lounge area and a house bathroom/WC with shower over the bath. Unfurnished. EPC D

£495PCM + Fees

ROWLEY REGIS Dudhill Road



A three bed mid terraced house with double glazing and central heating, good sized lounge, fitted kitchen, three bedrooms upstairs with house bathroom/WC and shower over the bath. Unfurnished, yard/parking to the rear. No DSS, no pets. EPC C

£550 PCM + Fees

Dudley Dibdale Street



SPACE, SPACE & MORE SPACE! This property has a lot to offer. Having two good size bedrooms and a generous sized lounge viewing is highly recommended to appreciate the accommodation on offer! Briefly comprising entrance hall, dining room, kitchen, lounge, downstairs bathroom and a rear garden. No upward chain.

£80,000

Dudley Blackacre Road



CALLING ALL INVESTORS - PRICED TO SELL QUICKLY. CALL NOW TO SECURE YOUR VIEWING Four bedrooms and two receptions this property really is bigger than it looks! Briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, second reception room, kitchen/dining room, family bathroom to the first floor, garage, rear garden and off road parking.

£109,950

NETHERTON Cradley Road



Extended two bedroom semi detached tards! This property really is bigger than it looks. Offering no upward chain and briefly comprising lounge, second reception room, extended kitchen/breakfast room, shower room. Beautiful rear garden and a driveway to the front. EPC Ordered

£120,000

DUDLEY Lloyd Street



Two bedroom end terrace. One reception room. Good sized kitchen. Bedrooms and bathroom on 1st floor. Central heating. Dss ok with guarantor. Unfurnished. EPC E

£425 PCM + Fees

DUDLEY Buffy Road



Three bed semi detached home, Lounge & separate dining room, Kitchen, Bathroom on 1st floor. Unfurnished, DSS considered with guarantor. Available for long term let. Pets considered.

£450 PCM + Fees

DUDLEY Grange Road



Three bedroom end terrace. Two reception rooms, large kitchen/ diner. Celar. House bathroom with shower over bath. Gated driveway to rear of property. Available now. Dss considered. EPC E

£550 PCM + Fees

DUDLEY Westminster Close



A traditional three bed semi-detached house, two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, two double bedrooms and a further single bedroom. Garage with driveway, and garden to the rear. Unfurnished, available now for long term. EPC C

£575 PCM + Fees

DUDLEY Parkhead Crescent



FOUR BEDROOMS! This property really does have the wow factor! Extended and improved to a very high standard and offering everything you could wish for in a family home. Briefly comprising lounge, office room, dining area, family room, kitchen, utility area, downstairs wc, family bathroom and a generous size garden.

£125,000 oieo

DUDLEY Scotts Green Close



Set in this highly desirable location this three bedroom semi detached house offers porch, hallway, lounge, dining room, garage, driveway and gardens to the front and rear. The property is within walking distance to Russells Hall hospital and has easy access to local schools and excellent transport links

£179,950

TIVIDALE Elm Terrace



A two bedroom semi detached house which is immaculate throughout and briefly comprises of hallway, lounge, dining kitchen, upstairs shower room, driveway and a good sized garden to the rear

£110,000 o/o

TIPTON Whitehouse Street



Beautifully presented and particularly spacious benefiting from a tandem garage and a generous size garden this three bedroom semi detached house really is a must view. Also comprising lounge, kitchen/dining room, modern fitted shower room and a driveway to the front of the property.

£125,950

DUDLEY Aldeney Close



A modern first floor apartment on this new development. Accommodation comprising of one bedroom, open plan lounge/fitted kitchen. Viewing highly recommended, available to view now. EPC B

£465 PCM + Fees

DUDLEY The Parade



A three bed semi-detached house with off road parking and a garage. Two reception rooms and fitted kitchen, downstairs WC and utility, House bathroom/WC with shower over the bath upstairs. Unfurnished. No pets, no DSS. EPC-E

£600 PCM + Fees



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DUDLEY



TANSLEY HILL ROAD

AN IMMACULATELY PRESENTED DETACHED PROPERTY IN SOUGHT AFTER LOCATION. comprises a porch, entrance hall, dining room, lounge, cloakroom, modern kitchen, utility room, landing, master bedroom with en suite shower room, bedrooms two and three with Jack and Jill en suite, a further two bedrooms and a family bathroom. A spiral staircase leads to a dressing room. Externally double garage & enclosed garden. EPC Awaiting.
£329,950 DUDLEY & 01384 455000

LOWER GORNAL



RUITON STREET

We are pleased to market this modern gas central heated and double glazed detached property comprising to the ground floor of entrance porch, entrance hallway, ground floor cloakroom, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, garage, first floor landing, four bedrooms, en-suite to the master bedroom and family bathroom/wc. Externally there is a driveway parking and enclosed rear garden. EPC Rating Is Grade D.
£250,000 DUDLEY & 01384 455000

EARLS KEEP, DUDLEY



BREAMORE CRESCENT

A MODERN WELL PRESENTED FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED HAVING EXCELANT CONSERVATORY. We are delighted to offer this beautifully presented detached family home comprising of lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room, spacious conservatory, ground floor wc, four bedrooms of which the master has en-suite shower room, family bathroom, garage, driveway and rear garden. Viewing is essential. EPC Rating Is Grade D.
£239,950 DUDLEY & 01384 455000

DUDLEY



HIMLEY AVENUE

EXTENDED TO THE GROUND FLOOR. We are pleased to market this gas central heated and double glazed extended and improved detached family residence comprising to the ground floor of entrance porch, entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen, rear reception room, extended study area and breakfast area, first floor landing, four bedrooms and a family bathroom/wc. Externally there is a driveway, carpet garage and extensive rear garden. EPC Rating Is Grade D.
£215,000 DUDLEY & 01384 455000

DUDLEY



FAIRVIEW ROAD

A WELL PRESENTED BAY FRONTED DETACHED HAVING CORNER PLOT!!!!!! We are pleased to market this gas central heated and double glazed detached property occupying a corner plot, this well presented bay fronted traditional property comprises to the ground floor of entrance hallway, lounge, dining room, conservatory, fitted kitchen, landing, three bedrooms and family bathroom/wc. Externally there is a block paved driveway to the front, mature rear garden. EPC - E
£184,950 DUDLEY & 01384 455000

OAKHAM



OAKHAM DRIVE

A bay fronted traditional semi detached property comprising to the ground floor of entrance porch, entrance hall, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, utility room, inner lobby and ground floor cloakroom. To the first floor, landing, three bedrooms, bathroom and attic room. Externally driveway leading to the garage and rear garden. EPC Ratings Awaiting
£164,950 DUDLEY & 01384 455000

BILSTON



CATHERINE ROAD

FOUR BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY HAVING A GROUND FLOOR BEDROOM WITH EN-SUITE AND CONSERVATORY! This is a gas central heated and double glazed property comprising to the ground floor of entrance hallway, bedroom with en-suite, fitted kitchen, lounge and conservatory, landing, three further bedrooms and family bathroom/wc. Externally there is a driveway to the front and rear garden. EPC Ratings Awaiting
£160,000 DUDLEY & 01384 455000

SEDGLEY



DUDLEY ROAD

Two bedroom bay fronted semi detached bungalow in a popular residential location viewing recommended. This double glazed and gas central heated two bedroom semi detached bungalow comprising of entrance porch, entrance hall, two bedrooms, shower room, kitchen/diner and lounge. Externally there is a garden to the front and enclosed rear garden along with off road parking. EPC - d
£160,000 DUDLEY & 01384 455000

STOURBRIDGE



SPICER LODGE, ENVILE STREET

We are pleased to offer for sale a range of one & two bedroom retirement apartment with access to Stourbridge town centre. Offering independent living with entry phone systems and 24 hour support system. There is a communal laundry, laundry room and parking, there is also a guest suite that can be rented for relatives. EPC Ratings Awaiting
FROM DUDLEY & 01384 455000

WOODSETTON



BENNETT AVENUE

REDUCED! We are pleased to bring to the market this improved bay fronted semi detached property which has the benefit of a gas fired central heating system. The accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/dining room, first floor landing, three bedrooms and a bathroom/wc. Externally there is a driveway providing off road parking and an extensive, enclosed rear garden. EPC - E
130000 DUDLEY & 01384 455000

UPPER GORNAL



ASKEW CLOSE

WE ARE PLEASED TO BRING TO THE MARKET THIS WELL PRESENTED MID TERRACE PROPERTY offering accommodation which briefly comprises an entrance porch into hallway, lounge and modern kitchen on the ground floor whilst to the first floor a landing gives access to three bedrooms and a bathroom with separate WC. Externally there is a garden to the front and rear with garage and driveway providing off road parking. A viewing is highly recommended. The EPC Rating is Grade D.
£129,950 DUDLEY & 01384 455000

DUDLEY



UPLANDS ROAD

A MUCH IMPROVED AND WELL PRESENTED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY double glazed and gas central heated three bedroom semi detached property comprising to the ground floor of entrance hall, through lounge, modern fitted kitchen, utility room and shower room/wc whilst to the first floor there are three bedrooms and a family bathroom/wc. Externally there is a rear garden and driveway to the front. EPC Rating Is Grade D.
£124,950 DUDLEY & 01384 455000

DUDLEY



CHESTNUT AVENUE

THREE BEDROOMS, VIEWING RECOMMENDED A very well presented three bedroom end terrace property situated in a convenient location for access to Dudley town centre. The accommodation briefly comprises lounge, open plan kitchen/dining room, three bedrooms and a modern bathroom. Externally there is a rear garden and driveway to the front. Viewing is highly recommended. EPC grade E.
£114,950 DUDLEY & 01384 455000

RUSSELLS HALL ESTATE



GRENVILLE ROAD

NO UPWARD CHAIN!!!!!! A double glazed & gas centrally heated three bedroom semi detached residence comprising to the ground floor entrance hall, through lounge, kitchen, landing, three bedrooms, shower room. Externally having driveway parking provided & enclosed rear garden. EPC - D
£120,000 DUDLEY & 01384 455000

DUDLEY



INHEDGE STREET

A THREE BEDROOM MID TERRACE PROPERTY which is in need of modernisation and comprises of lounge, dining room, galley kitchen, bathroom, three good sized bedrooms and a rear garden. Cul-de-sac location with fantastic potential. EPC Rating Is Grade G
£79,950 DUDLEY & 01384 455000

DUDLEY



QUEENS CROSS

EPC - D A Lovely two bedroom property located in close proximity of Dudley town & comprises lounge, large kitchen diner, landing, two bedrooms and bathroom. There is parking provided to the rear of the property.
£450 P/M DUDLEY & 01384 455000

DUDLEY



GREEN PARK ROAD

● EPC Rating E ● Semi Detached
● Two Double Bedrooms
● Lounge ● Fitted Kitchen ● Double Glazing
● Drive ● Beautifully Presented
£475 PM DUDLEY & 01384 455000

DUDLEY



HIGHFIELD ROAD

● Gas Central Heating
● Close to town centre
● Parking
● Garden
● EPC Rating F
£525 P/M DUDLEY & 01384 455000

TIPTON



KINGFISHER WAY

● MODERN APARTMENT ● Your-Move are pleased to offer this modern apartment in the sought after area of Tipton. With 2 bedrooms, open plan kitchen/living room, bathroom and allocated parking the property benefits from views to the canal side. Viewing
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MARSH LANE

Your-Move are pleased to offer this two bedroom property that has been decorated throughout to a high standard. Comprising lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom, rear garden and driveway. Viewing is highly recommended. DSS ACCEPTED AVAILABLE
£550 P/M DUDLEY & 01384 455000

DUDLEY



CROMWELL STREET

GREAT VALUE Modern Two Bedroom End Terrace Property in a Cul-de-Sac location. The property comprises Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. Garden to Rear and Driveway to Front. EPC Awaiting
£475 P/M DUDLEY & 01384 455000

DUDLEY



CAVELL RD

● MODERN ● A 3 bedroom semi detached in the popular Dudley area is on offer for rent. Viewing is recommended to appreciate the standard of accommodation, with new carpets, high gloss kitchen, downstairs wc, utility, modern bathroom, large rear garden.
£550 P/M DUDLEY & 01384 455000

DUDLEY



CAMBRIDGE RD

3 bedroom semi-detached home & easy access to the Merry Hill Centre and Russells Hall Hospital the property consists of lounge, conservatory & kitchen, downstairs wc and to the first floor 3 bedrooms and family bathroom. Garden to rear. EPC Rating Awaiting
£525 PM DUDLEY & 01384 455000

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Commercial feature

Vauxhall's sixth generation Astra faces far tougher Focus-class family hatchback competition than it did at launch back in 2009.

Hence a welcome package of improvements that has brought a smarter look, extra efficiency and slicker technology. It's more than enough to keep this car amongst the top three best sellers in the segment.

Here we home in on the Astra's Excite trim level priced from £19,845 on the-road. It's currently available with a £2,000 Deposit Contribution from Vauxhall. What's more, there's up to 5-year's 0% APR Representative flexible finance and Vauxhall includes a £2,000*Deposit Contribution in with the current deal.

With the Astra Excite you can choose between eight exterior colours. It comes

comprehensively equipped, too, with specification that includes a mobile phone connection system with Bluetooth ® functionality, a six-speaker stereo system, steering wheel mounted controls, cruise control, 17-inch alloy wheels, a USB connection with iPod control, a leather covered sports steering wheel and Black cloth interior trim.

Though the aesthetic improvements made to this Astra are subtle, they do succeed in giving it a much fresher look. The rakish three-door Astra GTC provided the inspiration for many of the aesthetic changes made to five-door versions.

Under the bonnet in Astra Excite models, Vauxhall offers a 100PS 1.4-litre and 115PS 1.6-litre petrol engines with this trim level. Alternatively, there are two diesels, a 1.6 CDTi 110PS engine or a 1.7-litre CDTi diesel unit also delivering 110PS. Both diesels are mated to six-speed manual transmissions and all powerplants offer good economy and emissions lower enough to



keep company car drivers happy. The 1.6-litre diesel option is the most frugal though delivering 76.3mpg on the combined cycle.

Vauxhall's Astra is mainly British, with hatch and estate models built at Ellesmere Port near Liverpool to a quality at least as high as anything the Japanese brands can manage. That reason alone might be enough to give this car a place on your family hatchback shortlist. Fortunately for Vauxhall, there are also many others.

To the uninitiated, the Vauxhall Corsa might seem a very ordinary car as there are plenty of them around. However, drive one and you'll realise it's anything but. Since its introduction, Vauxhall has continuously fettled and polished the Corsa, turning it from a good car into an outstanding one. Sales figures suggest that the British public know a good thing when they see one.

Quality is very strong and the superiority of some of the materials in the cabin only underscores that impression. A 285-litre boot is more than adequate for the weekly shop or a weekend away and this can be extended to 1100 litres by folding the rear seats.

The Corsa is one of most attractive cars in its class. Meriva-style 'Eagle-Eye' headlamps with chrome finish and daytime running lights are fitted and the chrome detailing also extends to the fog lights.

With three-door prices starting from £11,985 and five-door prices beginning at £12,580 Corsa Excite trim level offers particularly good value for money, especially when you consider what Vauxhall includes in the package. Mobile phone

Bluetooth ® functionality, a decent stereo system with USB connection with iPod control, steering wheel mounted audio controls, twin electrically-adjustable and heated door mirrors, front fog lights and a Graphic information display system are all featured as standard. Then there's air conditioning, electrically heated front seats and leather covered steering wheel which is also heated! Don't forget too, that you'll also get that free Vauxhall Lifetime warranty*.

With solid build quality, sharp driving manners and some of the most economical engines on offer anywhere, the Corsa more than stacks up. It is, in fact, a very good product. Factor in prices which usually undercut far less sturdy opposition and it's a small car that needs no excuses.

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Dealership marks its first birthday

Commercial feature

It's a year since Brindley Kia's Tipton Red Cube Kia centre opened for business, and with the sales of new Kia rising beyond even the most optimistic expectations of the team, what a first year it has been!

Sales manager, Martin Broom, said: "Time has just flown by and we can hardly believe we are marking our first year already."

"Kia is one of the fastest-growing car brands in this country, indeed around the world, and the amount of interest from customers has been astounding."

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To celebrate this important milestone in Brindley Kia's history, the team is holding a special Birthday Open Weekend event over the forthcoming May Bank Holiday.



It starts early on Friday, May 2 and finishes at close of business on the Bank Holiday Monday, May 5, which gives you plenty of time to take advantage of the outstanding deals available on the Kia range, including up to £2,000 savings off list price and low APR finance on brand-new Kias, and 0 per cent APR representative finance on selected Kia approved used models.

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New-look Kia branded signage is

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Martin Broom concludes: "We operate from the newest Kia dealership in the Midlands and we're immensely

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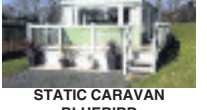
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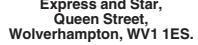
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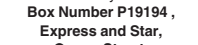
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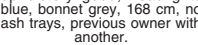
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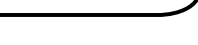
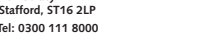
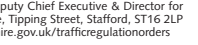
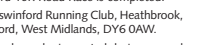
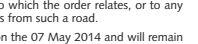
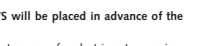
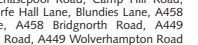
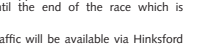
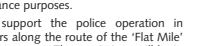
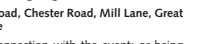
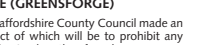
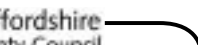
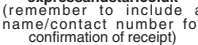
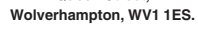
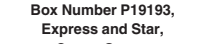
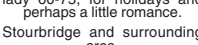
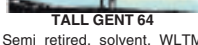
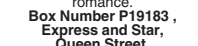
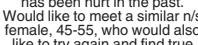
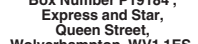
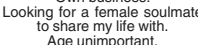
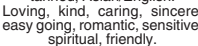
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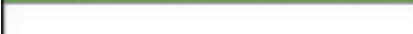
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The long and short of running for club

IT was a weekend of extremes for athletes from Dudley Kingswinford Running Club with some going short, competing at the 5k distance, and some going very long with marathons to complete.

Helen Tromans made her marathon debut in the Shakespeare Marathon in Stratford upon Avon completing the 26.2 mile, two lap course in 3.20.31 to take the third female prize and first in her age group.

The performance ensures Helen automatic qualification for the London Marathon next April should she choose to take up this option.

Also in Stratford, Dave Hickman completed the one lap, half marathon in 1.49.20.

Further afield Ingrid Cain took part in the Madrid Marathon finishing in a time of 4.25.20, another good finish in what is rapidly becoming a world tour.

Over a much shorter distance of a fraction over three miles, Ben Foster just missed out on a podium place Wolverhampton and Bilston's Fordhouses Fast 5k by a matter of seconds, finishing in fourth place in 16.51. He was joined by John Andrews who took 43rd place in 21.37.

Heathen legend is returning

CALIFORNIAN superstar Billy Hamill will make an emotional return to the Black Country this summer.

The Cradley Heath Speedway legend, who raced for the club between 1990-1996, is to appear at the Copthorne Hotel in Brierley Hill on Sunday, July 27 for a special evening with fans.

Hamill will be in the UK for the Monster Energy FIM Speedway World Cup.

Tickets are £10 or £25 VIP tickets which includes a private reception with Billy, signed photograph, buffet and front row seats. Tickets are available from the Cradley track shop on race night or the club shop, Printworx, Quarry Bank High Street, from 10am-3pm except Wednesday and Sunday.

Letford hat-trick sixes things up

Halesowen Ladies 6 Rushall 0

THE semi-finals of the Women's Open Cup saw a strong Halesowen side take on the talented Rushall team.

With head coach Karl Willis and Faye White giving the squad a good warm up and preparation for the oncoming battle the Yeltz team were ready.

Halesowen, with confidence riding high, started out the better team, they were soon rewarded within five minutes as winger Lyndsey Glover found unmarked striker Rachel Letford who let fly an unstoppable shot into the top left hand corner.

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The second came soon after a corner a perfect waited cross from Glover found Halvey Chatwin had the easiest of tap in at the rear post.

Credit to Rushall they still tried to create chances but against the best defence in the league they were always going to struggle. Dominique McKee and partner in crime Charlotte Byatt were on hand to deal with any situation. Both teams did have a chance to score and Halesowen had a goal

disallowed late on in the half as Gemma Moss was unfortunate not to get on the scoresheet.

Halesowen really took control of the game and dominated in the second half.

Within five minutes of the restart Letford had made it three again with great play by Glover on the wing. The Yeltz midfield of Sarah Hammil and Tracey Haycock were controlling their patch of the park and creating chances for other players.

Goal of the game came on the 56th minute when left back Sabrina Dale came forward and from a quality pass from Glover,

Dale controlled it and from outside the box placed it into the top right hand corner.

The excellent Rushall keeper made some fine saves throughout the game. Substitute Chloe Harris was only on the pitch a couple of minutes when put through by Letford, she slotted the ball past the oncoming keeper. Halesowen finished off the rout by Letford claiming her hat trick late on with some nice work by Katie Moore.

Manager Scott McKee said: "Our football and the solidarity of the team is the best I've known it. The squad is a joy to watch. Bring on the final."

DK end their miserable season without a win

DK 0 Leicester Lions 74

THE final game of the season, with nothing at stake for either side, was probably the worst performance of the season by DK.

The game kicked off in heavy rain and during the early exchanges, DK came out slightly on top of what was a kicking duel. However, the visitors with their heavier forwards began to dominate the set pieces.

The pressure they began to exert resulted in DK giving away a penalty in front of their own posts in the 15th minute. Full back John Bowden opened the scoring with an easy kick.

There then followed an even passage of play contested between the two 22 metre lines.

The deadlock was eventually broken in the 39th minute when DK were penalised. The visitor's kicked to the corner close to the DK line and from the resulting line out, the ball was recycled to the Leicester three quarters and fly half Adam Greendale carved an opening to score close to the posts. John Bowden was successful in adding the conversion.

Within four minutes, the visitors extended their lead when centre Steve Cross brushed aside some poor DK tackling to touch down under the posts. John Bowden duly added the extra points.

Leicester were proving to be more street wise team with their clever use of the wind which was blowing directly across the pitch. Just before half time, DK were dealt a telling blow when Donovan Smile was yellow carded for foul play.

Rugby

The one man advantage quickly told when in the third minute of injury time wing Luke Veebel crossed for a try. John Bowden was unable to add the additional two points.

Regrettably the second half performance of DK proved to be the worst 40 minutes of the whole season. From the opening game back in September, although losing every game, the resilience and 'never say die' attitude of the young players of DK always shone through but unfortunately straight from the kick off of the second half the home side completely capitulated.

Within the space of 26 minutes the visitors ran in four tries by Jack Gibbons, Matt Tuckee, Adam Greendale and Dan Campbell. Three of which were converted by John Bowden. In an attempt to curtail the Leicester onslaught DK made several changes.

However, these changes proved to have little effect as during the final 14 minutes the visitors ran in a further three tries. A brace for replacement Josh Poullett and one from Steve Cross. John Bowden converted.



DK's Gareth bown Sprints clear during the last game of his squad's miserable season without a single victory

Beacon playing second fiddle

Tales From The Bratch
BEACON were forced to play second fiddle to neighbours Swindon in the Staffs Clubs Premier Division, and had to bat for a losing draw in a rain-hit clash at their Trysull Road base.

And it was a Beacon old boy who proved the difference between the sides as Jason Swan struck an impressive unbeaten 88 to guide Swindon to 175-7 from 45 overs. Beacon's South African import Richard Wissing was the pick of the bowlers with 4-54.

In reply, Beacon had 35 overs in which to chase a winning draw or victory, but never looked likely to deny Swindon the lion's share of the points as they closed on 88-7. The Hartwell brothers impressed for Beacon's second team as they claimed a winning draw at Swindon. Mike top-scored with 88 while Will struck an unbeaten 88.

Shaun Laban chipped in with 40 to help Beacon to 279-5 in 41 overs. Swindon finished on 138-3 from 42 overs in response. Beacon's third XI were in a dramatic tie at Rushall. Andy Harvey took 3-7 and Ollie Harris and Luke Jones both picked up two wickets to help dismiss Rushall for 118.

Old Hales make it through

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Old Halesonians, Burntwood, Aston Old Eds and Kidderminster are through to the semi-finals after some thrilling encounters.

Kidderminster beat Walsall 25-21 in a tense contest that saw Walsall dominate for long periods. Jordan Lay kicked a penalty and converted a try after a fine solo effort by Connor McGuirk.

Veseyans U-13s 17

Walsall U-13s 55

Walsall produced one of their best performances of the season in overcoming a previously unbeaten Veseyans team. The forwards secured good possession and with some strong direct running the visitors were always an attacking force.

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Hackett's men slip into the play-offs

**Hitchin Town 1
Stourbridge 1**

THE Glassboys squeezed into the Premier Division play-offs with a draw at Hitchin sufficient for Gary Hackett's men to hold on to fifth place in the final standings.

The Glassboys broke the deadlock with a long goal-kick from Dean Coleman being headed on by Brown for Brian Smikle to sprint on to the ball and shoot low under the advancing home keeper Tahj Bell from the edge of the area.

The visitors failed to kick on from there though. Hitchin began to come more into the game as the half progressed.

On 28 minutes Coleman got safely behind a 20-yard shot from Callum Donnelly and then at the other end Smikle almost capitalised on some hesitant defending as he chased a ball forward from Sean Geddes through the right channel area with Hitchin's Daniel Webb and as they jostled for the ball, Smikle managed to wrap his foot around Webb and hook a shot goal-wards that flew off-target.

With 65 minutes gone, Nick Burtenshaw sent in a cross that bobbed around the penalty area before sub Michael King stabbed a shot on-target that Coleman couldn't keep out.

Cup tie 'could be a classic'

WILL Pottinger says Cradley's Knockout Cup tie with Mildenhall has all the makings of a classic.

The bitter rivals will clash at Monmore Green on Tuesday, May 13 – the next Heathens home meeting – with the return at West Row the following Sunday.

And Cradley boss Pottinger believes his riders will need a handy lead from the home leg to take to Mildenhall.

"Anyone who follows the sport knows there is history between the two clubs and we're looking forward to the meetings," said Pottinger.

"Mildenhall have built a very impressive team once again this season and we know we will need to be firing on all cylinders if we are to get the better of them."

"I think most people recognise there are some clubs who are in serious contention for the silverware."

We can build a new Albion, says boss Pepe

PEPE Mel says he is ready to build a new Albion team after leading the Baggies to the brink of Premier League safety.

Mel will meet chairman Jeremy Peace at the end of the season to discuss his own uncertain Hawthorns future – but is already looking ahead to revamping the squad.

Saturday's 1-0 win against West Ham means Albion's top-flight safety could be confirmed at the weekend but a huge summer awaits with a host of players potentially on their way out.

Mel said: "There are a lot of players who are going to be out of contract so it's very

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much a case of creating a new team.

"The make-up of this team will be very important. That will define the future. It's not a case of wanting to change things, it's simply a fact that we need a new team."

"There are lots of players who are out of contract and players who will perhaps not continue so, of course, if I'm involved in West Brom I will need to have an important role in this."

"Right now there are only currently 13 players with a contract in place."

"The choice of the other nine or 10 players – if West Brom go with me – is something I'll have a say in."

"We have a meeting in the week that the season ends and it's then that we'll talk."

"We need to sit down, the chairman and myself, and we need to look at what he wants for the future."

Steven Reid, Zoltan Gera and Billy Jones are all out of contract this summer with Jones holding talks over a new deal.

The contracts of Chris Brunt, Graham Dorrans and Liam Ridgewell are also up, but the club have one-year options on the

trio. Goran Popov, Scott Sinclair, Morgan Amalfitano, Thievy Bifouma and Matej Vydra will reach the end of their loans in the close season.

Mel picked up his first home win as boss on Saturday and hailed his team's displays in April.

"During the month we've got a lot of points I think the team is continually looking more similar to what we want during the week," he said.

"But we've still got three games to go and we need to finish as high as possible."

Langley strike is a lifeline

**Gornal Athletic 1
Heath Hayes 2**

UNPREDICTABLE Hayes produced a strong, brave performance to ensure they retained their place in Midland Alliance in a highly-charged relegation battle.

From the off, Gornal made their intentions clear with some robust challenges. However the visitors responded with some feisty play of their own.

Hayes opened the scoring on 21 minutes when a free-kick from Adam Robinson to the far post was headed back across goal by Tom Baggott for Adam Green to fire home.

Dennis Love was yellow carded when he brought down Hayes' Dennis Pickett as he was through on goal.

Hayes started the second half well when a shot from Dan Scragg was only partly cleared and the ball fell to Langley 20 yards from goal and he drilled a precise unstoppable shot into the corner of the net.

Gornal then had Love sent off for one bad challenge too many, this led to greater determination from the home side. With six minutes remaining a Dreniz Bala goal gave his side hope.

Tivdale are on a cup mission

TIVIDALE will be hoping to stop Black Country Rangers' bid for a hat-trick of JW Hunt Cup triumphs.

The sides meet in the semi-final on Wednesday, May 7, at AFC Wulfrunians' ground, Castlecroft, Wolverhampton at 7.30pm. The final will again be at Molineux – on Wednesday May 21 at 7.30pm.

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HASELEY'S BRACE SEALS THE DEAL

Belper Town 0 Halesowen Town 2

HALESOWEN Town lifted the Evo-Stik Division One South championship trophy after Ben Haseley's brace capped a spirited team performance on a memorable day of drama at Christchurch Meadow.

With rivals Coalville Town winning at Chasetown, the Yeltz had to win to make sure of the title, and it was fitting that 39-goal leading striker Haseley should come up with the goods.

Halesowen weathered an early onslaught from fourth-placed Belper with Jon Froggatt's sixth-minute effort cannoning off the Yeltz crossbar following Steve Warne's initial attempt.

Stylish

But league leaders Halesowen stuck to their game plan and dared to dream after snatching a stylish 20th-minute lead with their first chance.

Neil MacKenzie found Iyseen Christie down the right and he played the ball for Haseley to turn in the penalty area and fire the Yeltz ahead.

Kris Green crossed for Christie to volley over Belper's bar after 36 minutes but determined defending preserved the narrow half-time lead with Curtis Tilt making two crucial clearances.

At the start of the second period Aaron Cole broke free to put a good chance

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wide for the Nailers.

Tension mounted but the Yeltz kept calm and their well-organised defence restricted further chances.

The title started heading home to Halesowen when Haseley pounced from a yard out to double the lead in the 71st minute after the ball sailed over the head of Belper goalkeeper Scott Low when he misjudged a back header from Chris Jones.

With Belper beaten, the Yeltz controlled the final minutes before proudly lifting the trophy in party mood after the final whistle of an outstanding season in front of their massive army of jubilant travelling fans.

Manager John Hill said: "It's been an unbelievable end to the season. A play-off spot was the target and we needed to keep winning and build momentum and that's led us to the title. It's exciting times once again here."

Chairman Colin Brookes added: "I'm overwhelmed, it's a great day, you could see just what it meant to everyone that made the journey."

Haseley said: "I'm relieved after a nervous start. Our defence was awesome."



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